



A NEW THOR HAS RISEN.

AFTER THOR ODINSON FOUND HIMSELF NO LONGER WORTHY OF WIELDING MJOLNIR, A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WAS ABLE TO LIFT THE ENCHANTED HAMMER AND BECAME THE NEW GODDESS OF THUNDER.

AND JUST IN TIME, TOO. BECAUSE THE EVIL ELF SORCERER MALEKITH HAS TEAMED UP WITH THE FROST GIANTS OF JOTUNHEIM TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE ROXXON ENERGY CORPORATION IN SEARCH OF AN ANCIENT ARTIFACT, TAKING DOWN THE ARMIES OF ASGARD AND EVEN THE AVENGERS IN THE PROCESS.

DARIO AGGER, THE CEO OF ROXXON, HAS FLED INTO THE IMPENETRABLE VAULT WHERE THE ARTIFACT IS KEPT, MANAGING TO TRAP MJOLNIR IN THE VAULT WITH HIM.

NOW THE NEW THOR MUST PROVE HERSELF THE GODDESS OF THUNDER TO STOP MALEKITH AND SAVE ALL OF MIDGARD. IF ONLY SHE COULD GET THAT HAMMER BACK...

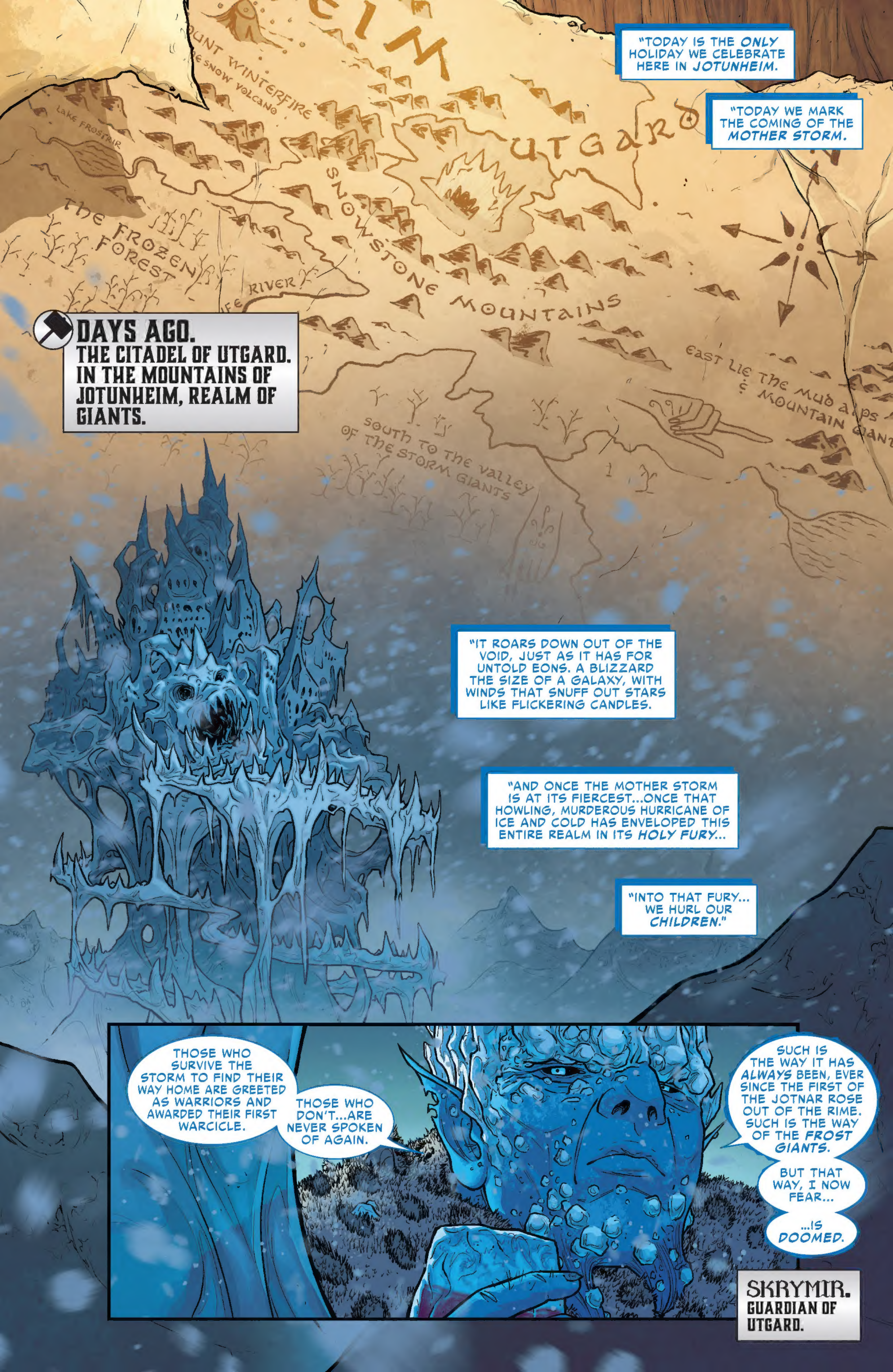


# WHEN THE ICE LORDS MAKE WAR

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"TODAY IS THE ONLY HOLIDAY WE CELEBRATE HERE IN JOTUNHEIM."

"TODAY WE MARK THE COMING OF THE MOTHER STORM."

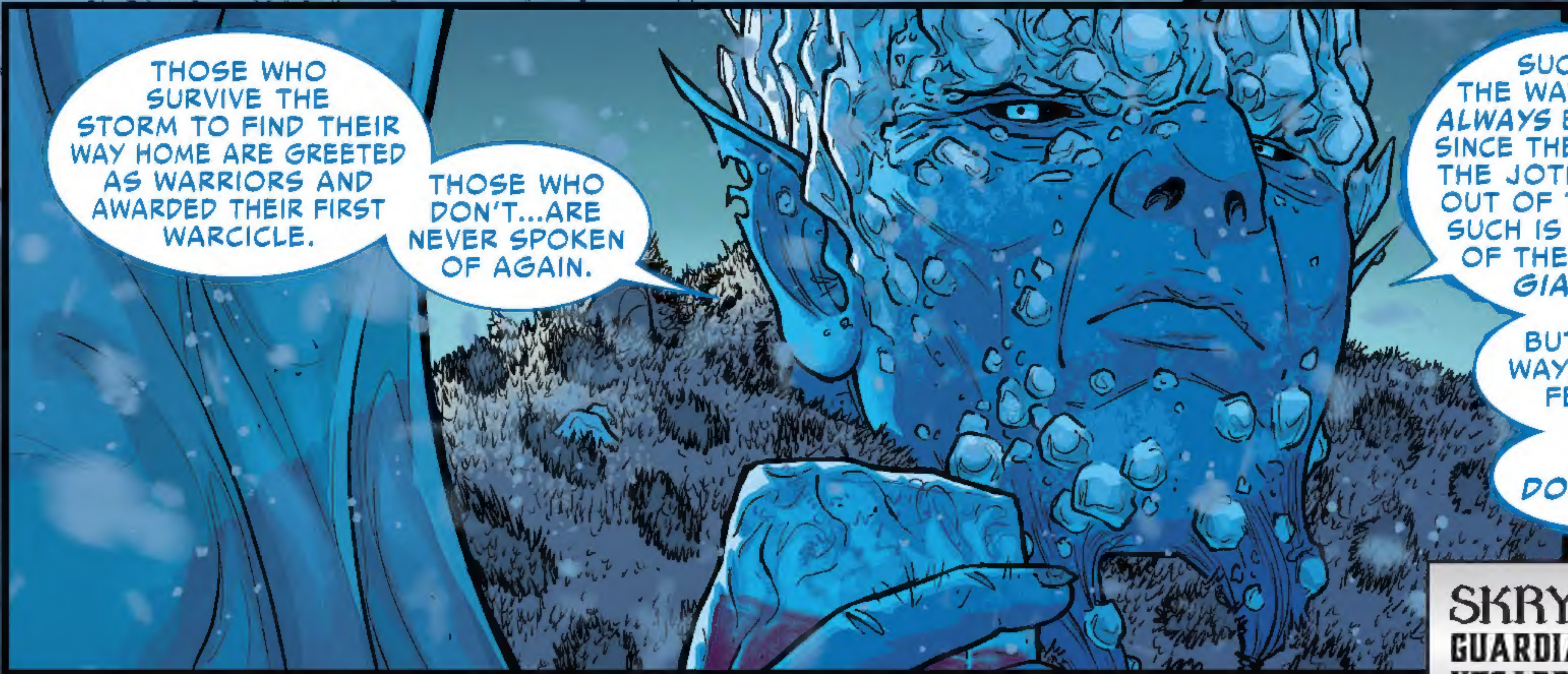
 **DAYS AGO.**  
**THE CITADEL OF UTGARD.**  
**IN THE MOUNTAINS OF**  
**JOTUNHEIM, REALM OF**  
**GIANTS.**



"IT ROARS DOWN OUT OF THE VOID, JUST AS IT HAS FOR UNTOLD EONS. A BLIZZARD THE SIZE OF A GALAXY, WITH WINDS THAT SNUFF OUT STARS LIKE FLICKERING CANDLES."

"AND ONCE THE MOTHER STORM IS AT ITS FIERCEST...ONCE THAT HOWLING, MURDEROUS HURRICANE OF ICE AND COLD HAS ENVELOPED THIS ENTIRE REALM IN ITS HOLY FURY..."

"INTO THAT FURY... WE HURL OUR CHILDREN."



THOSE WHO SURVIVE THE STORM TO FIND THEIR WAY HOME ARE GREETED AS WARRIORS AND AWARDED THEIR FIRST WARCICLE.

THOSE WHO DON'T...ARE NEVER SPOKEN OF AGAIN.

SUCH IS THE WAY IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, EVER SINCE THE FIRST OF THE JOTNAR ROSE OUT OF THE RIME. SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE FROST GIANTS.

BUT THAT WAY, I NOW FEAR...

...IS DOOMED.

**SKRYMIR.**  
**GUARDIAN OF**  
**UTGARD.**

WE CELEBRATE THE MOTHER STORM BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE LIFE-GIVING ICE, WHILE SCOURING AWAY OUR WEAKNESS. BUT THE WINDS DO NOT BLOW AS THEY ONCE DID.

THE NIGHTS ARE NEVER AS COLD AS THEY WERE WHEN I WAS A BOY, LOST IN THAT STORM. NOWADAYS THE STRENGTH OF MY PEOPLE IS LIKE THIS ONCE-GREAT CITADEL-- MELTING AWAY A LITTLE MORE EVERY YEAR.

THE COLD, HARD TRUTH IS THAT THE FROST GIANTS HAVE NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE WE LOST OUR KING.

LAUFHEY TRULY WAS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE GIANTS. A THOUSAND CURSES UPON ODIN AND HIS ASGARDIANS FOR TAKING HIM FROM US.

WELL...

BEFORE HE DIED, LAUFHEY DID BEQUEATH HIS SON LOKI UNTO THE WORLD.

SO IF YOU ASK ME...IT WAS YOUR DEAR DEPARTED KING WHO HAD THE LAST LAUGH.

LOKI IS THE GOD OF LIES. ONLY A FOOL TRUSTS HIM. BUT TELL ME, MALEKITH, WAS I A FOOL TO TRUST THE KING OF THE DARK ELVES?

WHEN YOU BROKERED THE PACT BETWEEN OUR TWO REALMS, PROMISES WERE MADE. PROMISES THAT HAVE YET TO BE FULFILLED.

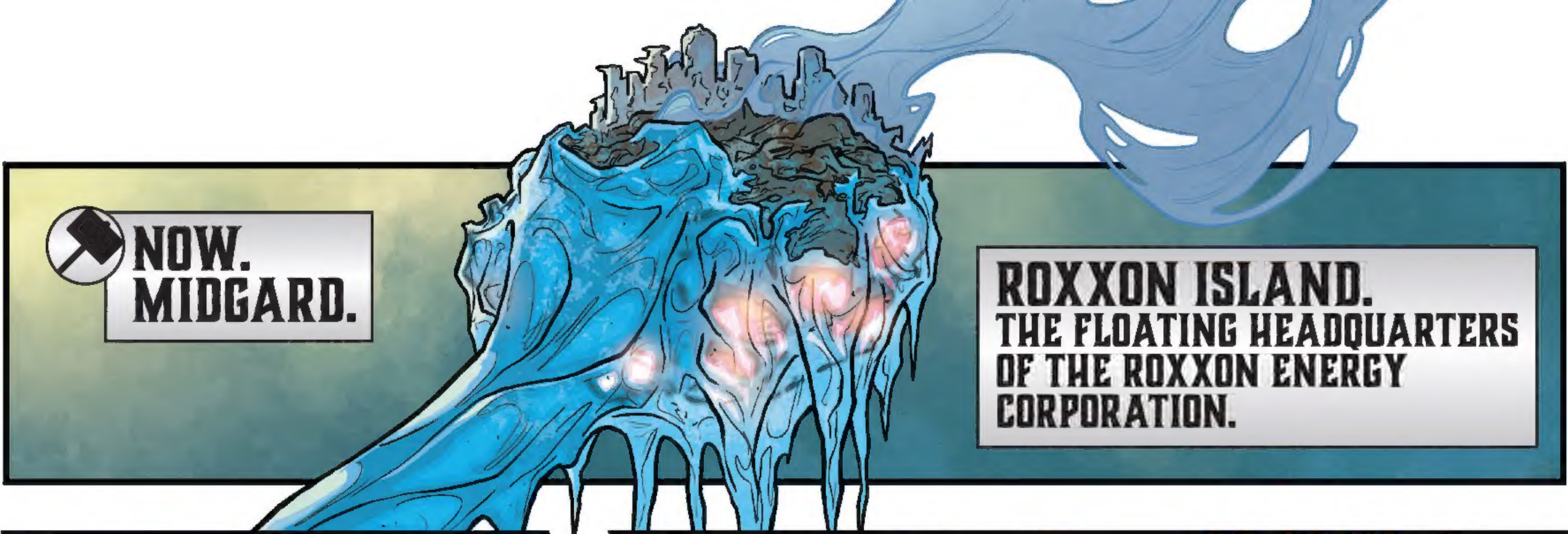
I GROW IMPATIENT, LITTLE ELF. AND THE MORE IMPATIENT I GROW, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO BE JELLIED AND SMEARED ON A CRACKER FOR MY MIDNOON SNACK.

NOW, NOW, SKRYMIR. DON'T SAY SOMETHING YOU'LL REGRET, DEAR FRIEND.

DESPITE THE NO-DOUBT *INTRIGUING* TASTE OF YOUR MAMMOTH BLOOD WINE AND BLACK TAR ICE CREAM, I DID NOT COME HERE TODAY FOR THE BUFFET OR THE FORLORN TALES OF STORMS GONE BY.

I BRING *GOOD NEWS*, LORD OF THE JOTNAR. WHAT YOU SEEK HAS BEEN FOUND.





**NOW.  
MIDGARD.**

**ROXXON ISLAND.  
THE FLOATING HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE ROXXON ENERGY  
CORPORATION.**



THIS...  
IS NOT  
GOOD.

SUPER-  
STRONG VAULT  
DOORS. WITH  
ME ON ONE  
SIDE...



"AND MJOLNIR  
ON THE OTHER."

YOU CAN  
STOP THAT ANY  
TIME YOU LIKE,  
YOU STUPID  
MALLET.

A THOUSAND  
MAGIC HAMMERS  
COULDN'T BREAK  
DOWN THAT DOOR.  
AND NO WAY IN  
HELL AM I ABOUT  
TO OPEN IT...



"...GIVEN WHAT'S  
WAITING ON THE  
OTHER SIDE."

NO...  
DEFINITELY NOT  
GOOD.

WELL,  
WHAT HAVE  
WE HERE?



HAS ROXXON  
BEGUN MANUFACTURING  
ITS OWN **LADY THORS**?  
AND HOW MIGHT I GO  
ABOUT PLACING AN  
ORDER?

I DO NOT  
FIGHT FOR  
ROXXON.



I FIGHT FOR  
**MIDGARD**.

LEAVE ITS SHORES AND RETURN  
TO YOUR REALMS. **ALL OF YOU.**  
THIS INSTANT. AND YOUR  
CHILDREN NEED NOT GROW  
UP FATHERLESS.

THIS WILL  
BE YOUR **SOLE**  
WARNING.



HA! YOU CERTAINLY DO  
**SOUND** LIKE A THOR.  
THOUGH YOU APPEAR  
TO HAVE MISPLACED  
YOUR **HAMMER**. THERE  
SEEMS TO BE QUITE  
A LOT OF THAT  
GOING AROUND.

ALL YOU  
BROUGHT WERE  
GIANTS. I THOUGHT  
I MIGHT EVEN  
THE ODDS.

YOU WEAR A  
**MASK**. I WONDER...  
FROM WHO OR WHAT  
DO YOU **HIDE**, MY LADY?  
THE GOD FROM WHOM  
YOU **STOLE** THAT  
HAMMER, PERHAPS?

NO NEED TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
HIM, AS YOU CAN  
SEE. I RELIEVED HIM  
OF HIS ARM AND  
TOSSED HIM INTO  
THE DEEP.

WHAT DO  
YOU SUPPOSE  
I MIGHT DO  
WITH YOU?



COME AND  
TEST MY ARMS, ELF.  
I PROMISE, YOU WILL  
NOT FIND THEM TO  
YOUR LIKING.

THOR CAN'T BE  
DEAD. MALEKITH'S  
**BLUFFING**. PLEASE  
LET HIM BE  
BLUFFING...

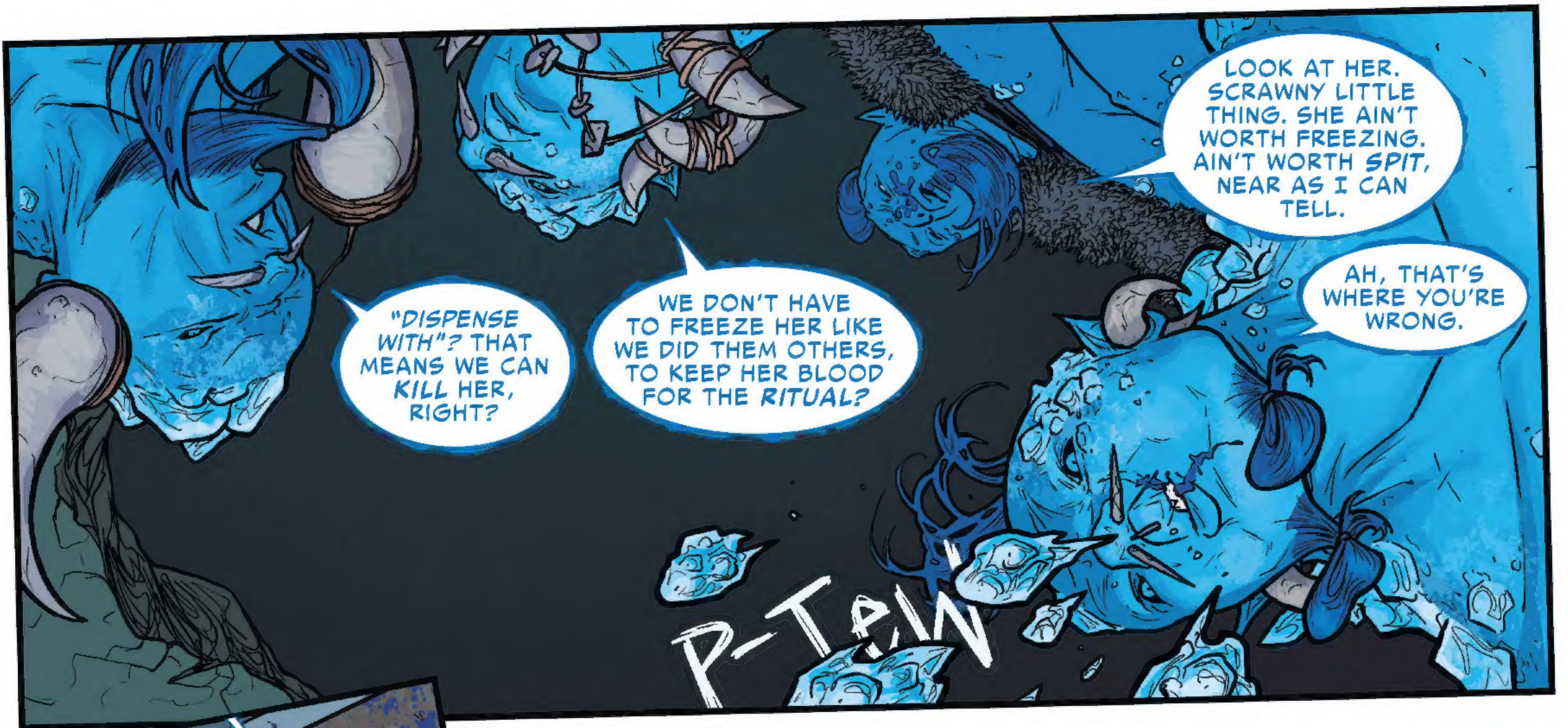
AM I **BLUFFING**?  
WITHOUT THAT  
HAMMER, WHAT CAN I  
DO? AND HOW LONG  
BEFORE I CHANGE  
BACK TO--



I THINK NOT.  
I'VE ALREADY  
MURDERED **ONE**  
THOR THIS  
WEEK.

GIANTS...  
YOU MAY  
DISPENSE WITH  
THIS ONE AS  
YOU SEE FIT.

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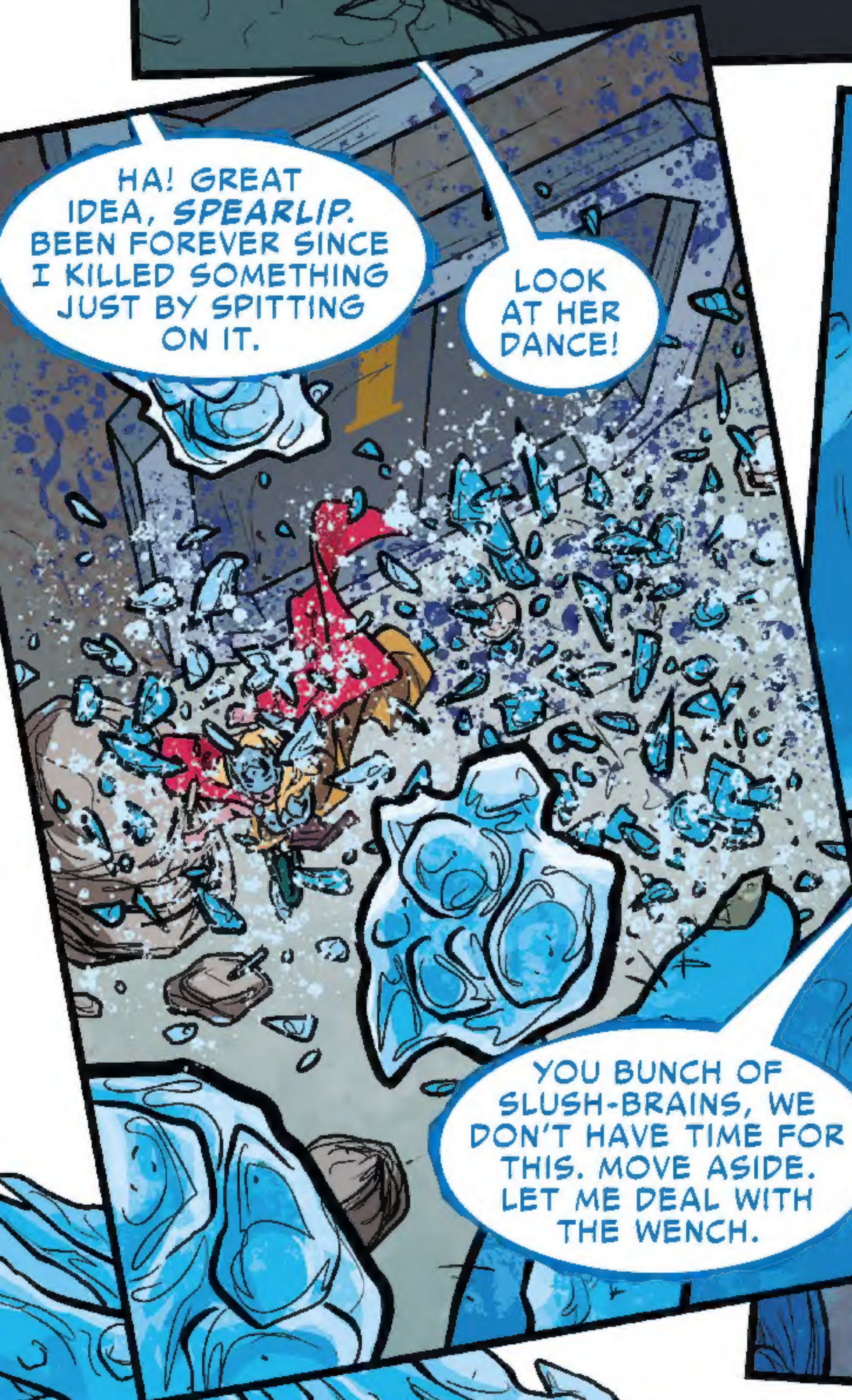
"DISPENSE WITH"? THAT MEANS WE CAN KILL HER, RIGHT?

WE DON'T HAVE TO FREEZE HER LIKE WE DID THEM OTHERS, TO KEEP HER BLOOD FOR THE RITUAL?

LOOK AT HER. SCRAWNY LITTLE THING. SHE AIN'T WORTH FREEZING. AIN'T WORTH SPIT, NEAR AS I CAN TELL.

AH, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG.

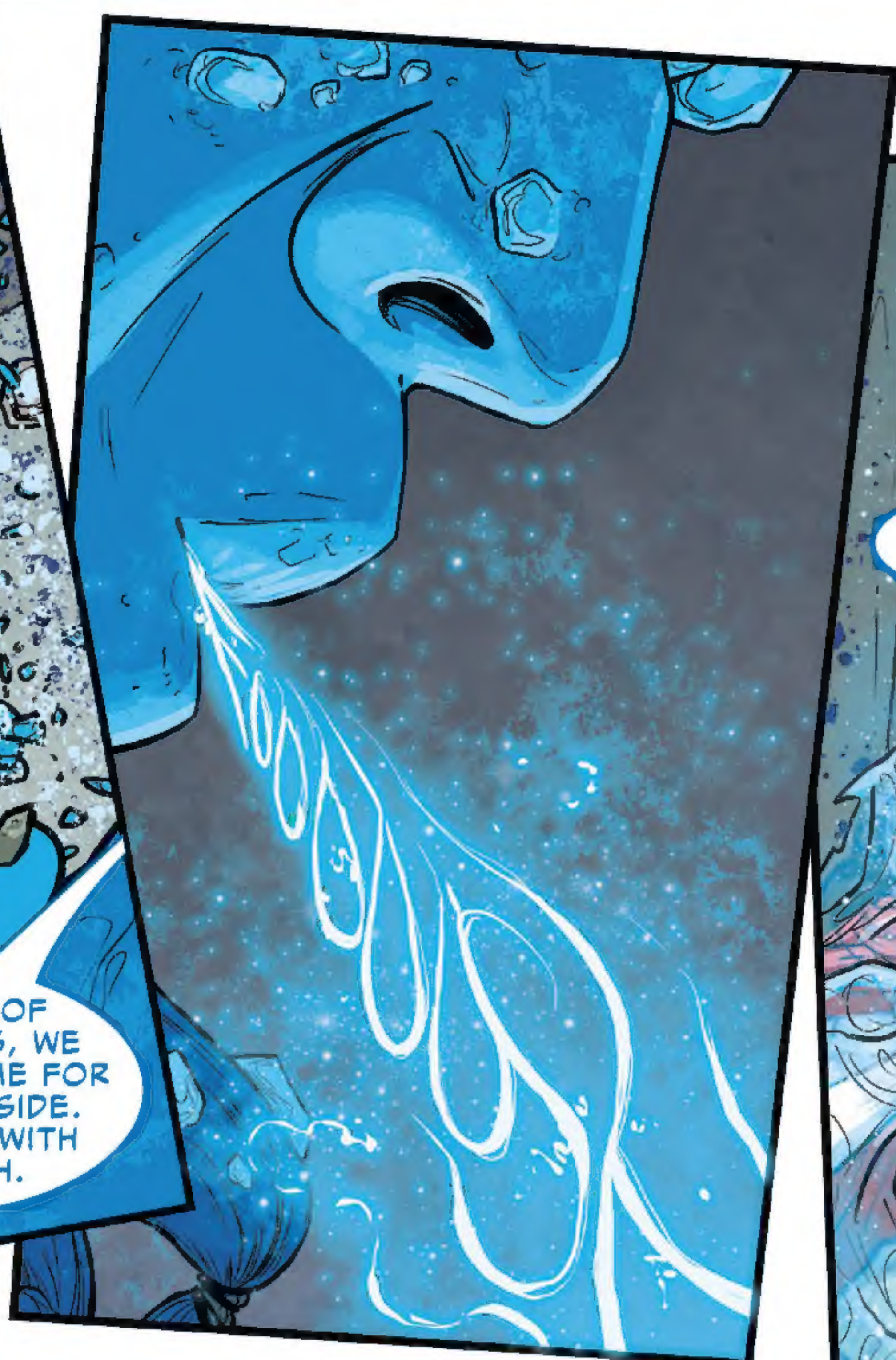
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HA! GREAT IDEA, *SPEARLIP*. BEEN FOREVER SINCE I KILLED SOMETHING JUST BY SPITTING ON IT.

LOOK AT HER DANCE!

YOU BUNCH OF SLUSH-BRAINS, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. MOVE ASIDE. LET ME DEAL WITH THE WENCH.



THERE. PROBLEM SOLVED.

clap  
clap



SO ENDS THE STORY OF LADY THOR.



HE COULDA  
SHARED.

BEST MIND  
YOUR TONGUE,  
BOY, OR LORD  
SKRYMIR'S LIABLE  
TO FEED IT TO THE  
SNOW APES.

HMMM.  
INTERESTING  
TASTE. PART GOD,  
PART...SOMETHING  
ELSE.

COME NOW,  
WARRIORS OF  
JOTUNHEIM. WE'VE  
A KING TO RESCUE  
FROM HEL.

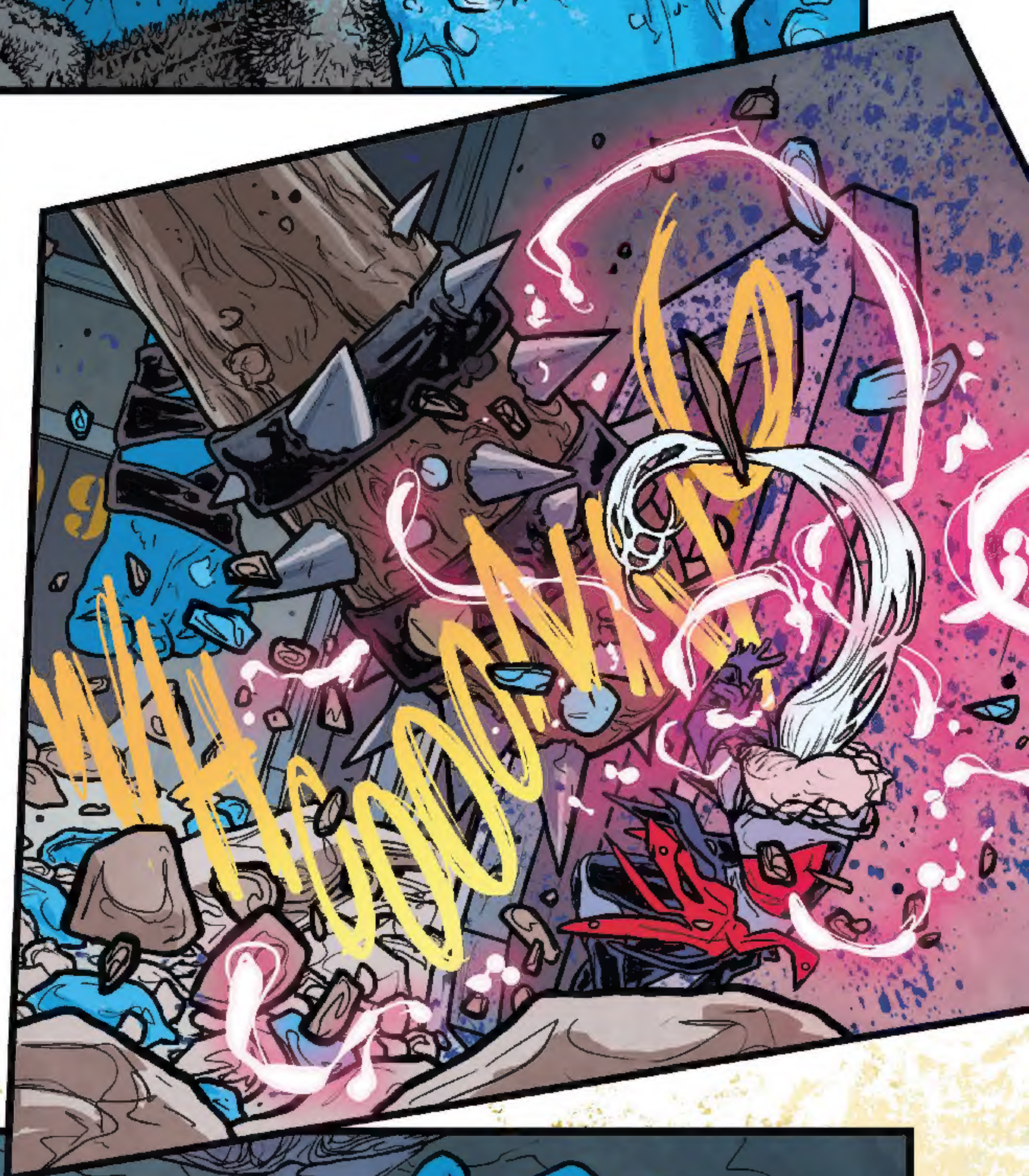
THE SKULL  
OF LAUFHEY IS  
NEAR. I CAN  
FEEL ITS  
POWER.



I SENSE IT AS  
WELL. IT LIES INSIDE  
THIS METAL CRYPT.  
BUT THESE DOORS APPEAR  
TO BE LADEN WITH A  
RATHER SOPHISTICATED  
NETWORK OF  
ENCHANTED LOCKS.

JUST WHO  
IS THIS LORD  
OF ROXXON?

STAND ASIDE,  
ELF. SKRYMIR  
HOLDS THE KEY  
TO THAT TINY  
DOOR.



DID IT  
OPEN?

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING? WHY  
CAN'T I SEE?

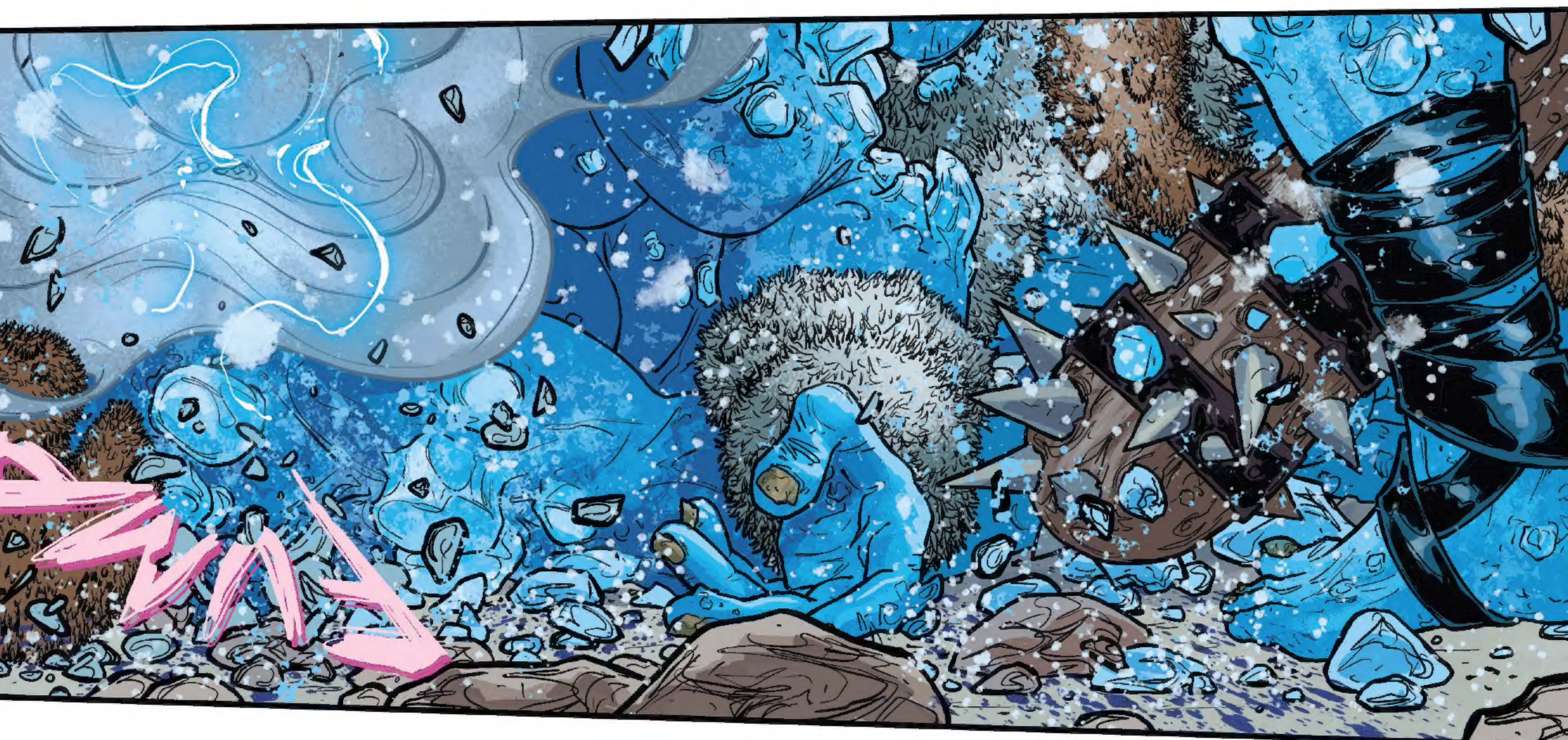
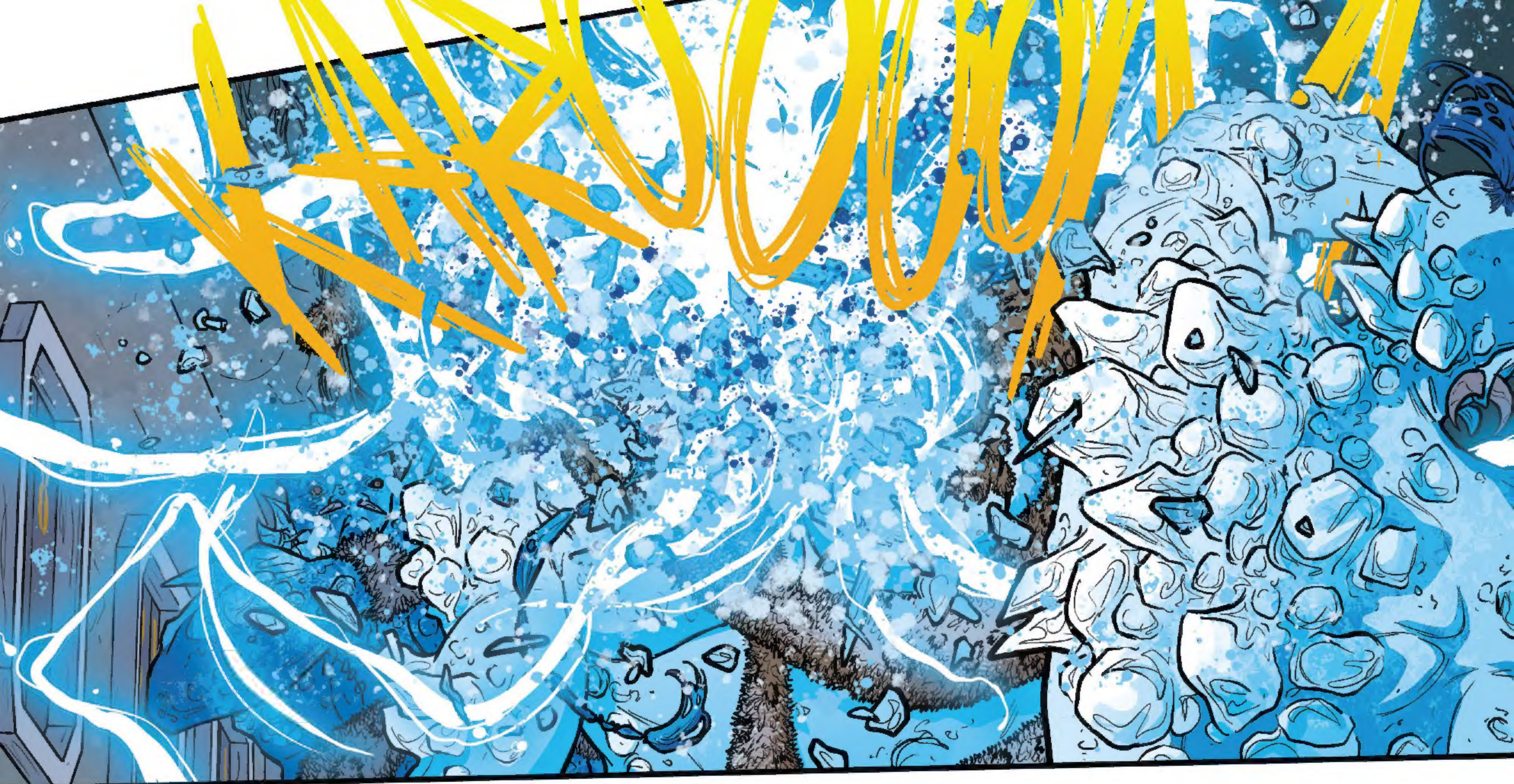
NO, YOU  
BARELY EVEN  
DENTED THE...

YMR'S  
BONES.

MY LORD  
SKRYMIR...YOUR  
EYES...



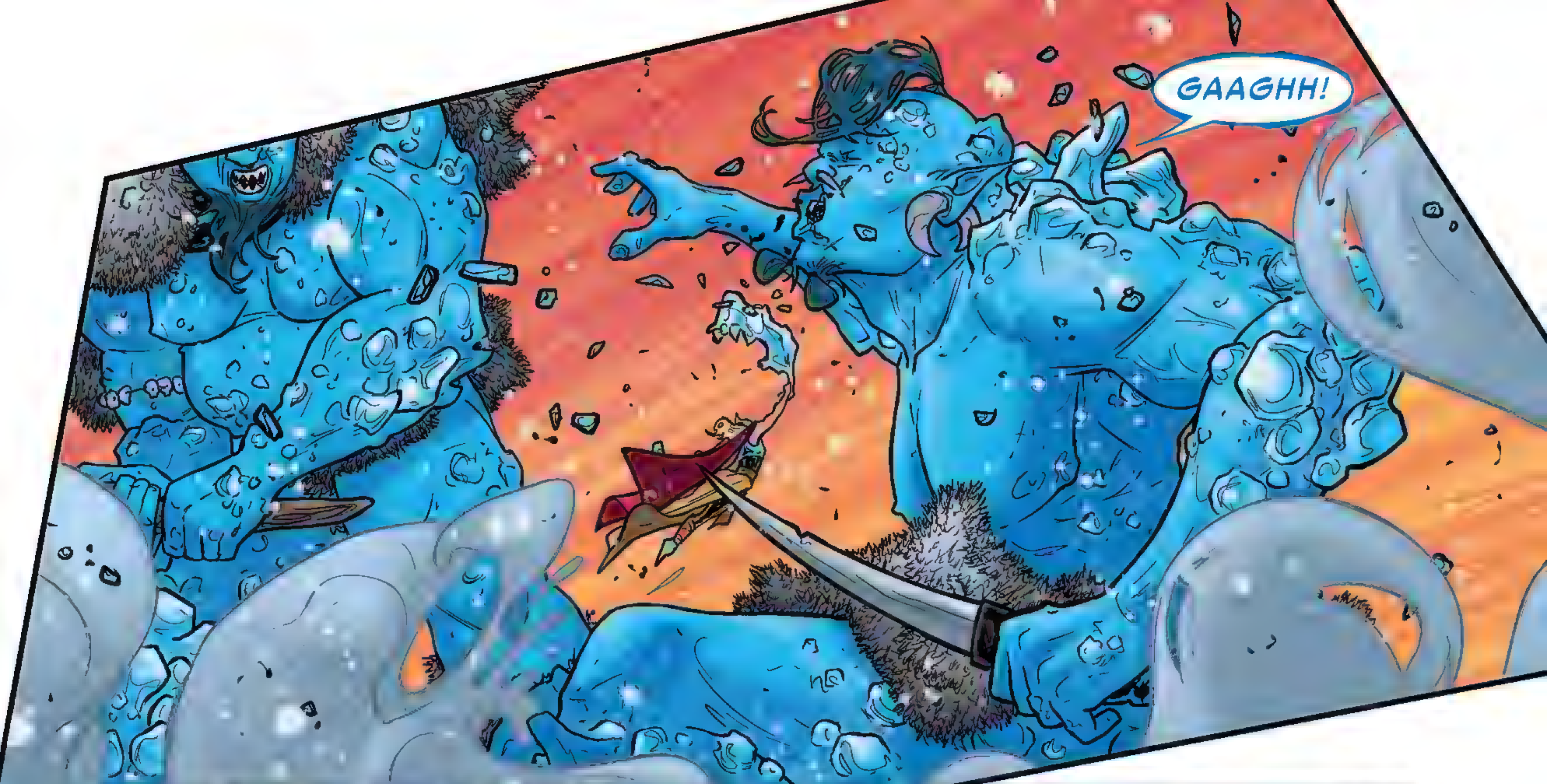
WHAT?  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENED TO  
MY EYES?



I AM GLAD  
YOU FAILED TO  
HEED MY WARNING,  
GIANTS.

YOUR  
CHILDREN WILL  
BE BETTER OFF  
WITHOUT YOU.

COME AND DIE  
NOW, SONS OF  
JOTUNHEIM.



GAAGHH!



HA.

I DO BELIEVE  
I'M BEGINNING  
TO LIKE THIS  
THOR.

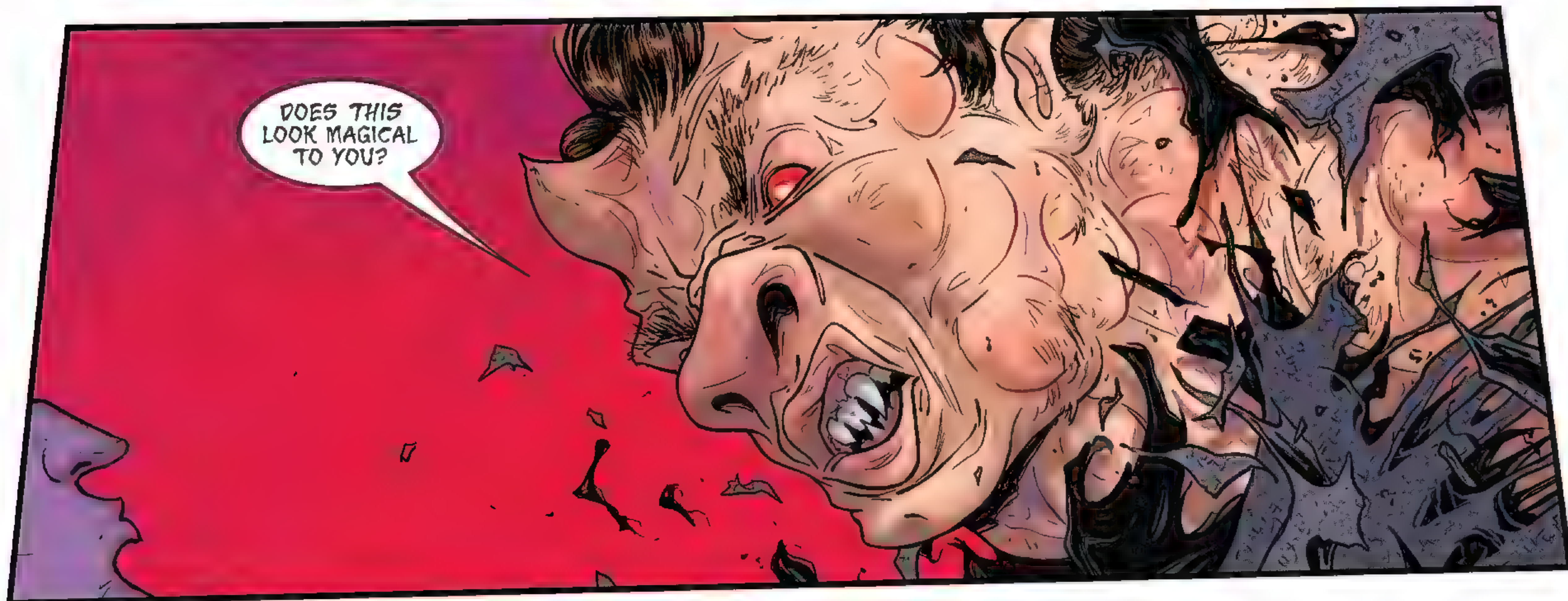


YOUR MAGICAL  
DOOR DEFENSES  
ARE NO MATCH  
FOR A MAGE OF  
SVARTALFHEIM, my  
LORD OF ROXXON!

OH, HOW I  
CANNOT WAIT  
TO LOOK UPON  
YOUR FACE!



BETTER MAGIC. I AM MALEKITH, A DARK ELF SORCERER AND A KING. DELIVER UNTO ME THE SKULL AND PERHAPS YOU WON'T HAVE TO BEAR WITNESS TO ANY MORE OF WHAT I CAN DO.



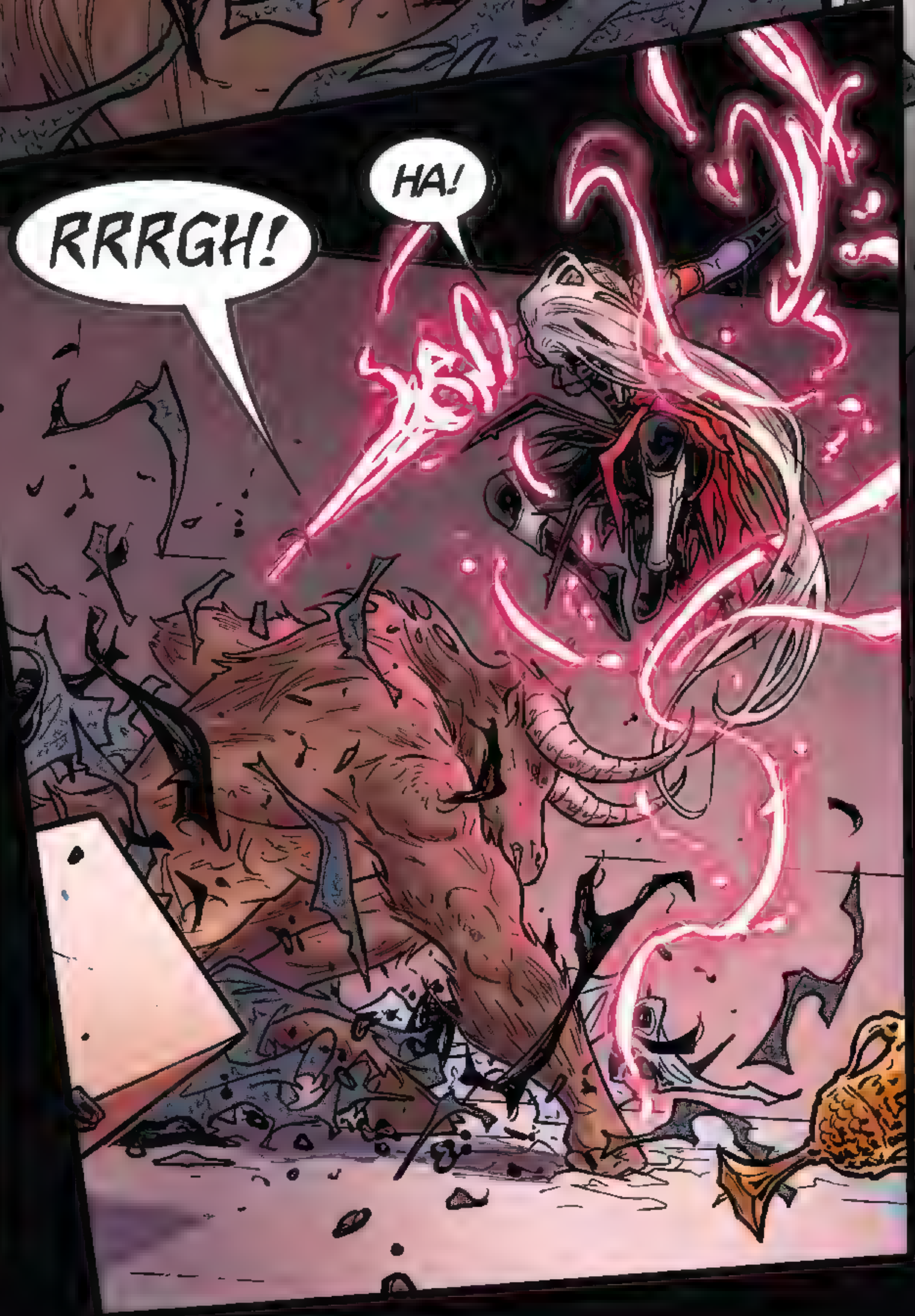


WELL, THIS DAY HAS JUST BEEN FULL OF SURPRISES.

YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET ANOTHER ONE. JAMMED DOWN YOUR PUNY LITTLE THROAT.

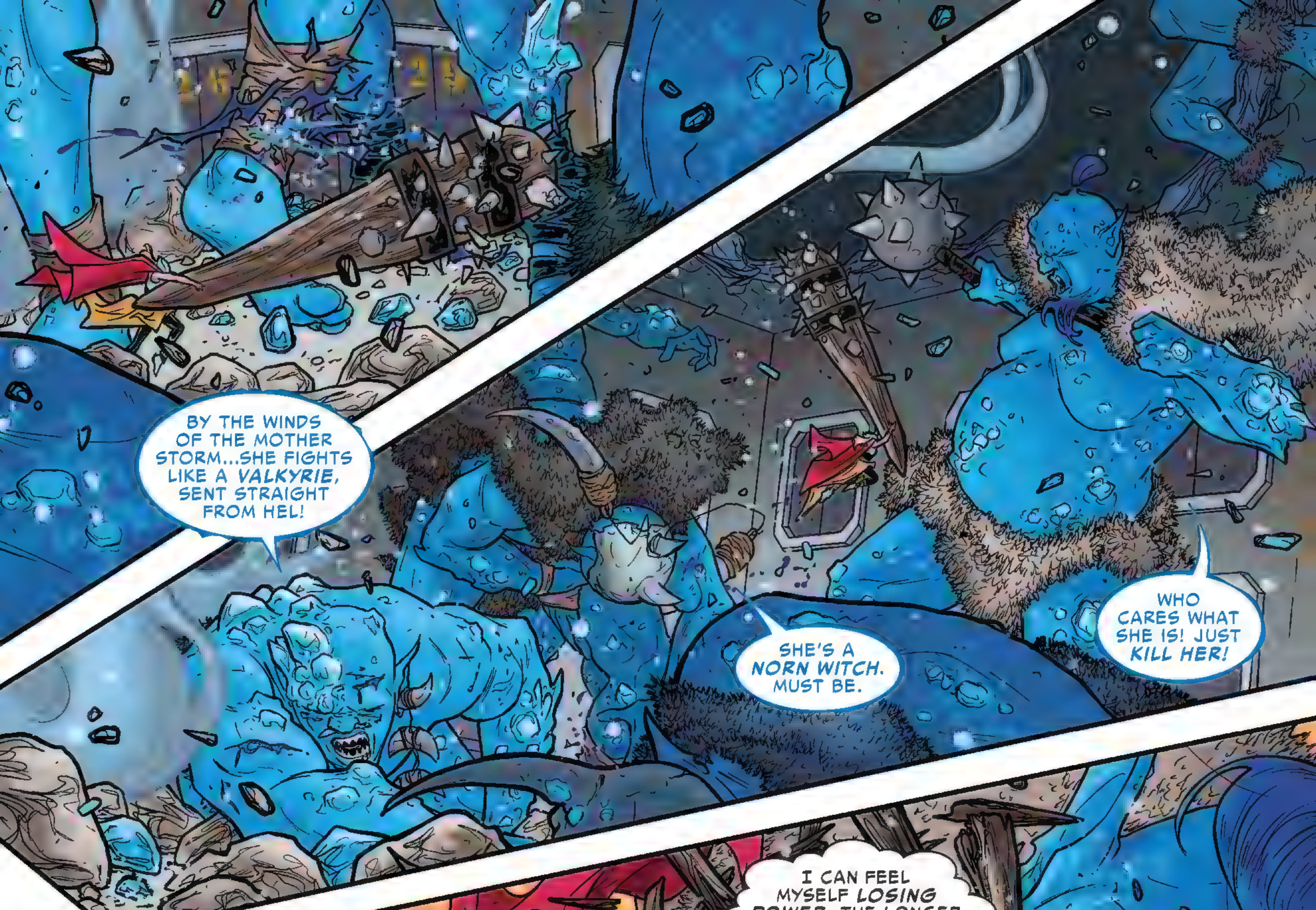
JUST SO YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN THREATENED BY A MINOTAUR.

IT'LL BE THE LAST.



RRRGH!


HA!



BY THE WINDS  
OF THE MOTHER  
STORM...SHE FIGHTS  
LIKE A VALKYRIE,  
SENT STRAIGHT  
FROM HEL!

SHE'S A  
NORN WITCH.  
MUST BE.

WHO  
CARES WHAT  
SHE IS! JUST  
KILL HER!



NOT SURE HOW  
LONG I CAN KEEP  
THIS UP. NOT LONG  
ENOUGH TO BEAT  
THEM ALL, THAT'S  
FOR SURE.

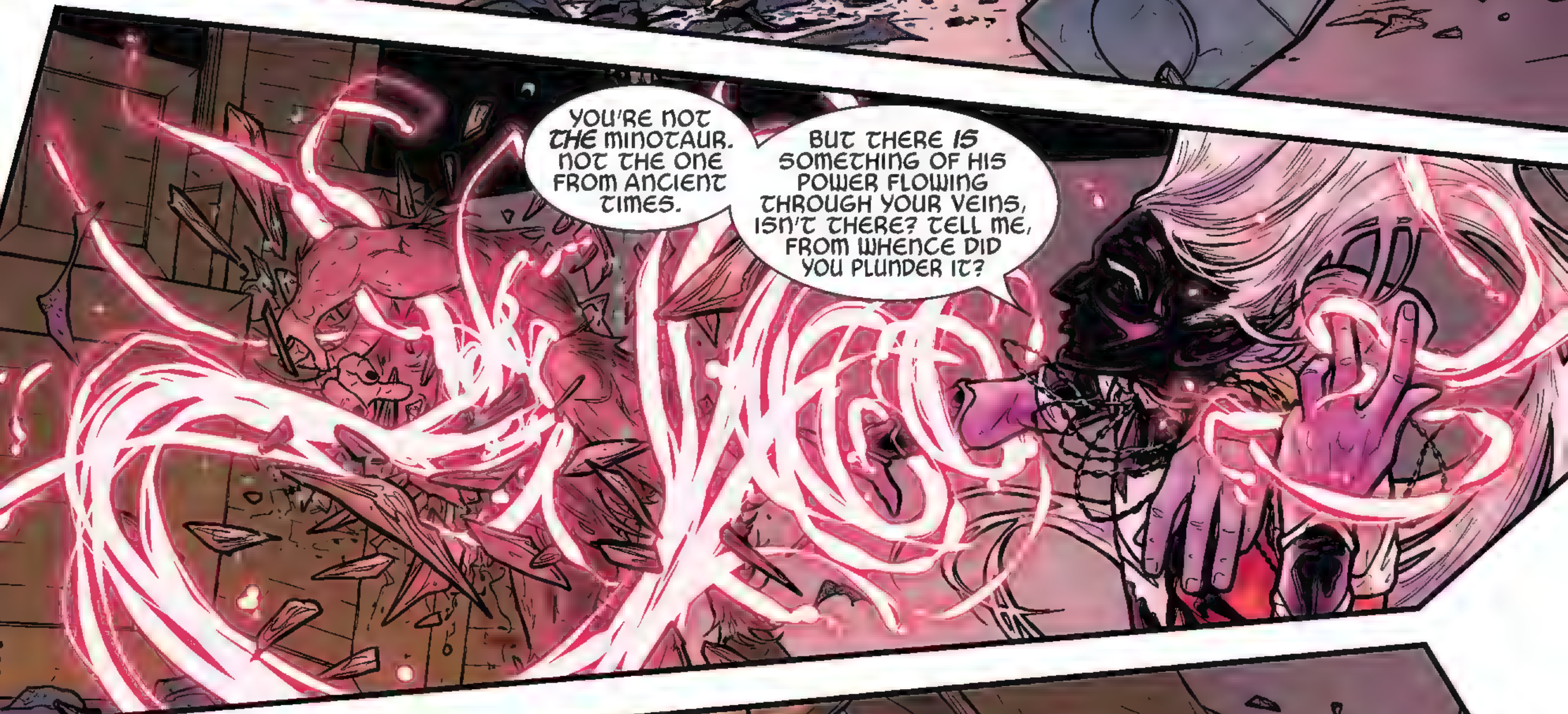
I CAN FEEL  
MYSELF LOSING  
POWER, THE LONGER  
I'M AWAY FROM THE  
HAMMER. WHAT WOULD  
THOR DO IN A  
SITUATION LIKE  
THIS...

THOR WOULD  
BELLOW AND BLUSTER  
AND RAGE UNTIL THEY  
CUT OFF HIS ARMS. AND  
THEN HE WOULD KICK  
THE HELL OUT  
OF THEM.

THE HAMMER  
CHOSE ME. THAT  
MEANS I'LL DO  
NOTHING LESS.  
NO MATTER  
THE COST.

IS THAT ALL  
YOU'VE GOT,  
GIANTS?

I CAN FEEL  
MY SENSES SLIPPING  
AWAY. QUICKLY, FIGHT  
HARDER BEFORE I  
FAINT FROM  
BOREDOM!



YOU'RE NOT  
THE MINOTAUR.  
NOT THE ONE  
FROM ANCIENT  
TIMES.

BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING OF HIS  
POWER FLOWING  
THROUGH YOUR VEINS,  
ISN'T THERE? TELL ME,  
FROM WHENCE DID  
YOU PLUNDER IT?

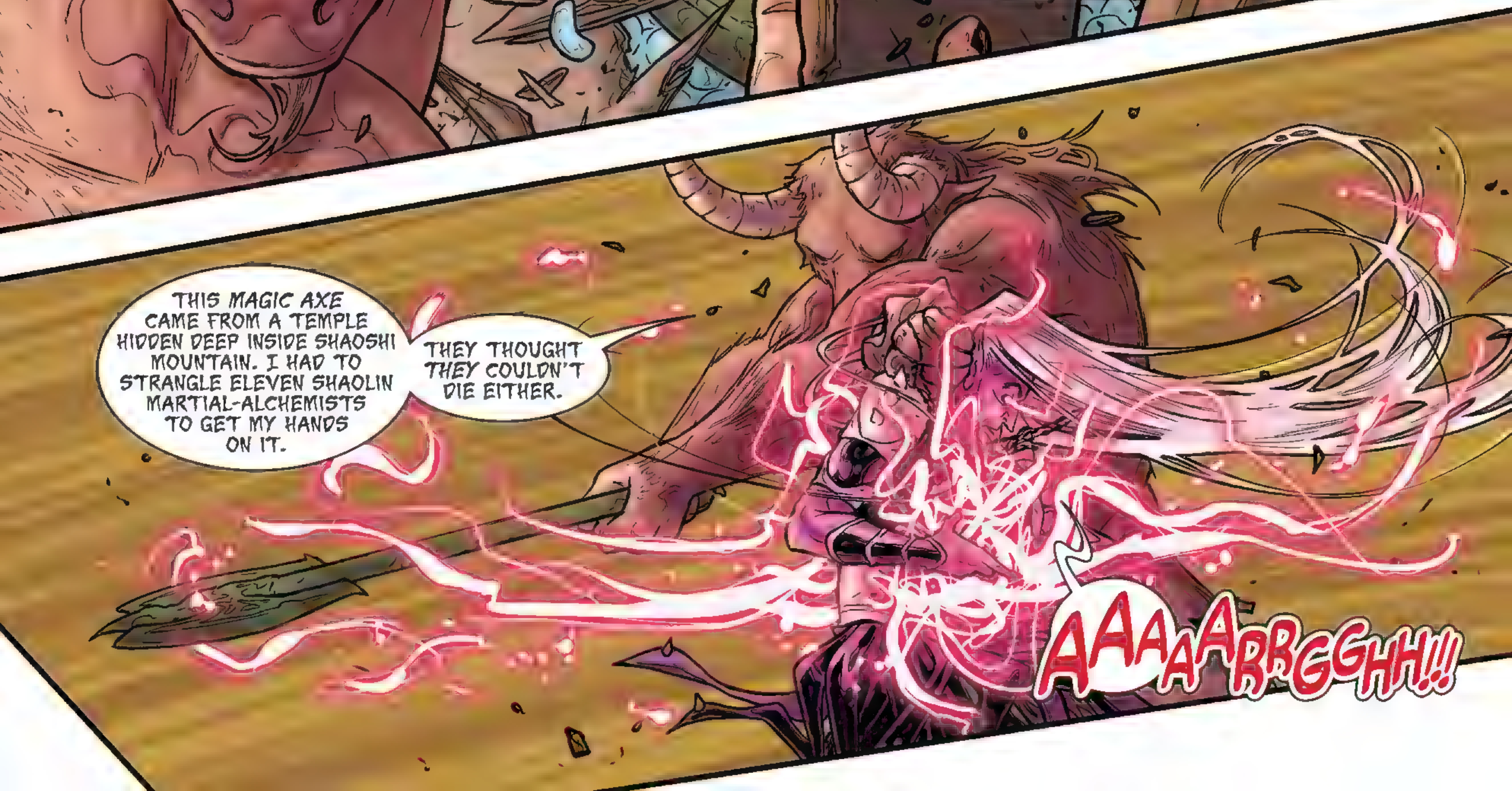


HEAR  
THOSE SCREAMS,  
BOY?

RUN, DARIO!  
RUN AND DON'T  
LOOK--

PRAY TO ME,  
LITTLE AGGER.  
PRAY FOR BLOOD  
AND YOU SHALL  
HAVE IT.

I'VE EARNED  
EVERYTHING I'VE  
EVER GOTTEN IN LIFE,  
WIZARD. JUST LIKE  
I'M ABOUT TO EARN  
YOUR HEAD.



THIS MAGIC AXE  
CAME FROM A TEMPLE  
HIDDEN DEEP INSIDE SHAOSHI  
MOUNTAIN. I HAD TO  
STRANGLE ELEVEN SHAOLIN  
MARTIAL-ALCHEMISTS  
TO GET MY HANDS  
ON IT.

THEY THOUGHT  
THEY COULDN'T  
DIE EITHER.

AAAAARRGGHH!!!

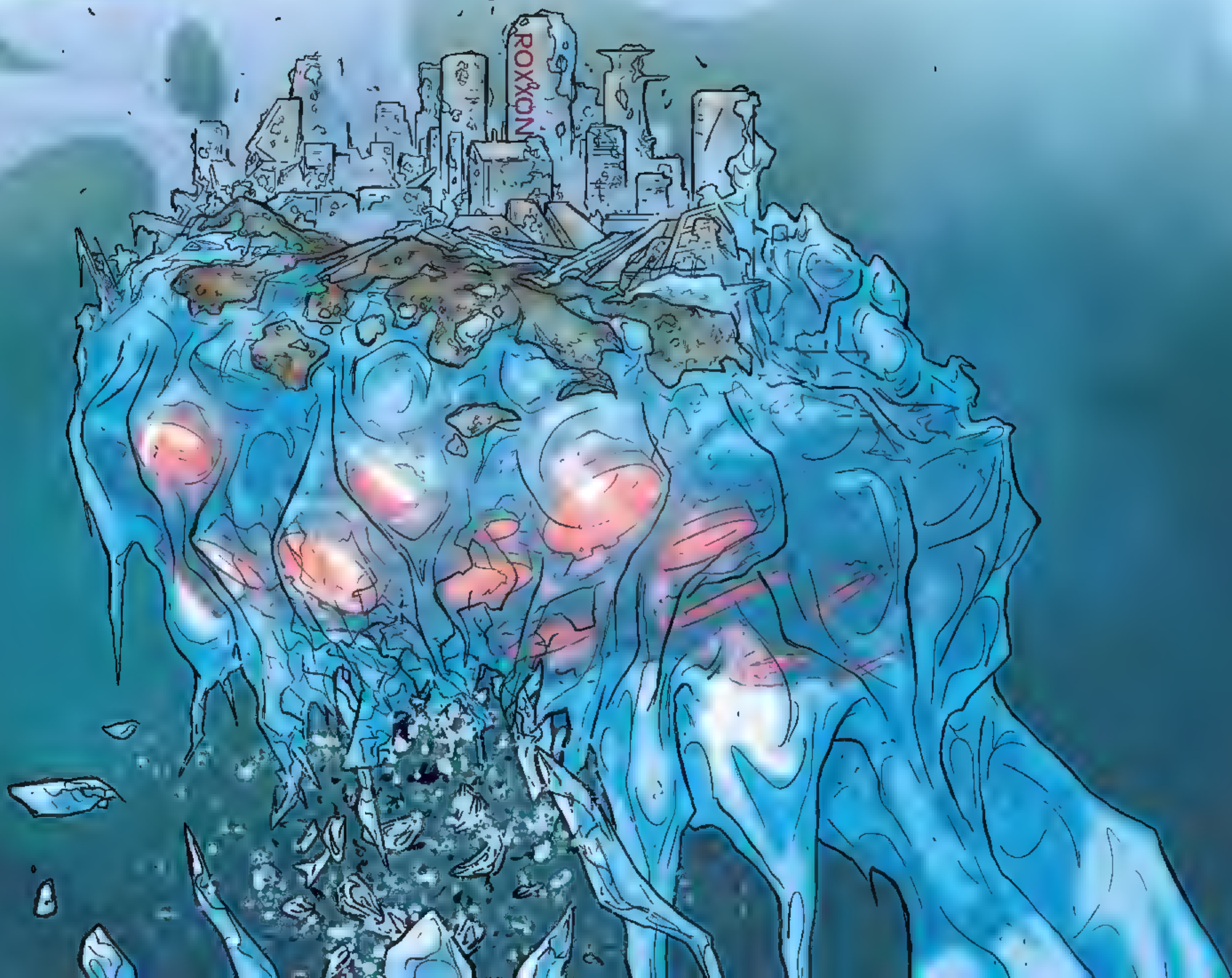
AAAARRGGH!!!

SCREAMS. MALEKITH MUST HAVE FOUND HIS WAY INSIDE THE VAULT. AGGER'S PROBABLY DYING RIGHT NOW OR...

ON SECOND THOUGHT, TO HELL WITH AGGER--I JUST NEED THAT HAMMER. AND WHATEVER IT IS THESE GIANTS ARE AFTER. GOT TO MAKE SOME ROOM.

VERILY, BOYS, THIS HATH BEEN FUN. BUT I'M AFRAID THE FRIVOLITY IS AT AN END.

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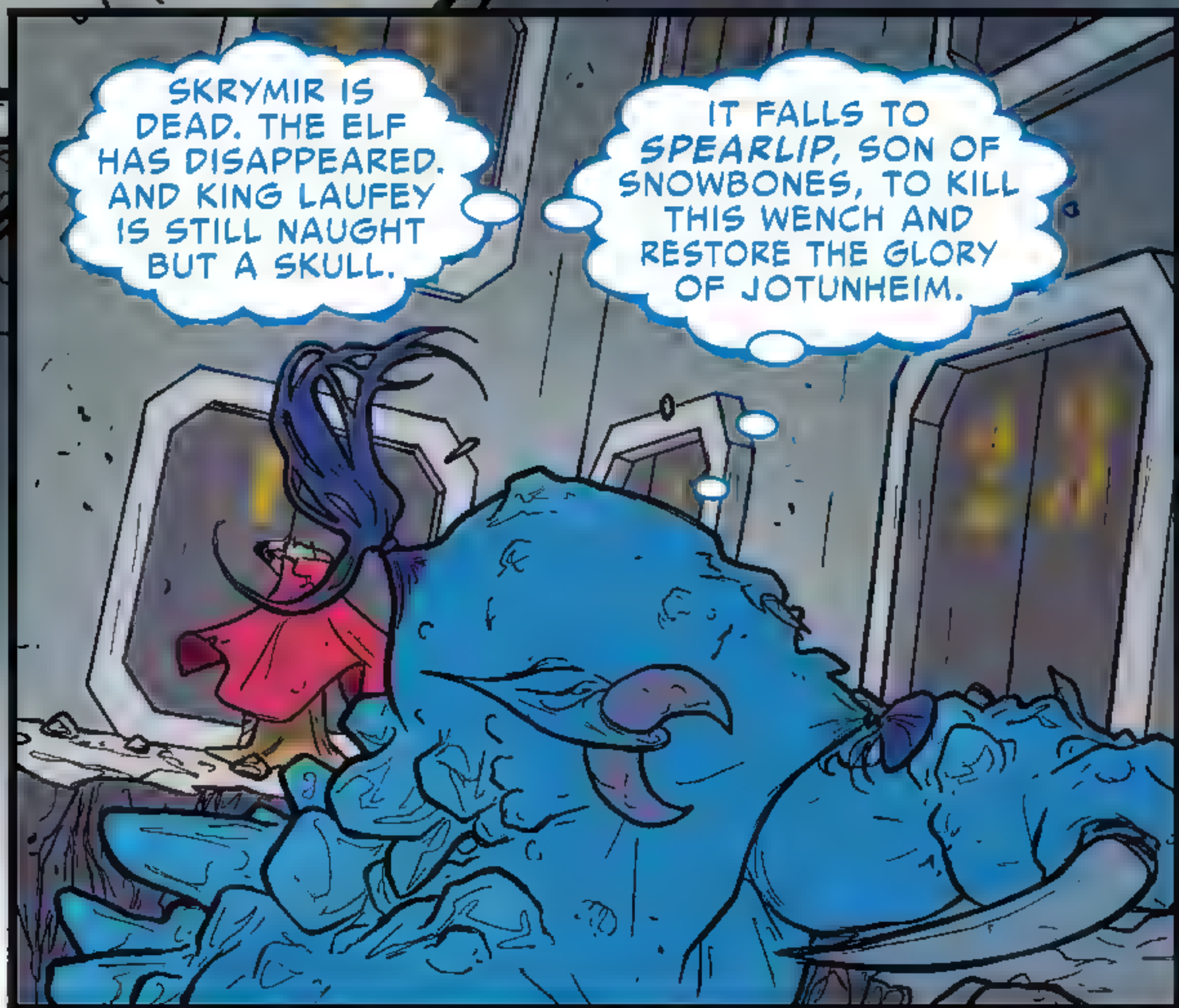




THAT OUGHT  
TO HOLD THEM  
FOR A MOMENT.  
LONG ENOUGH  
FOR ME TO  
SEE...

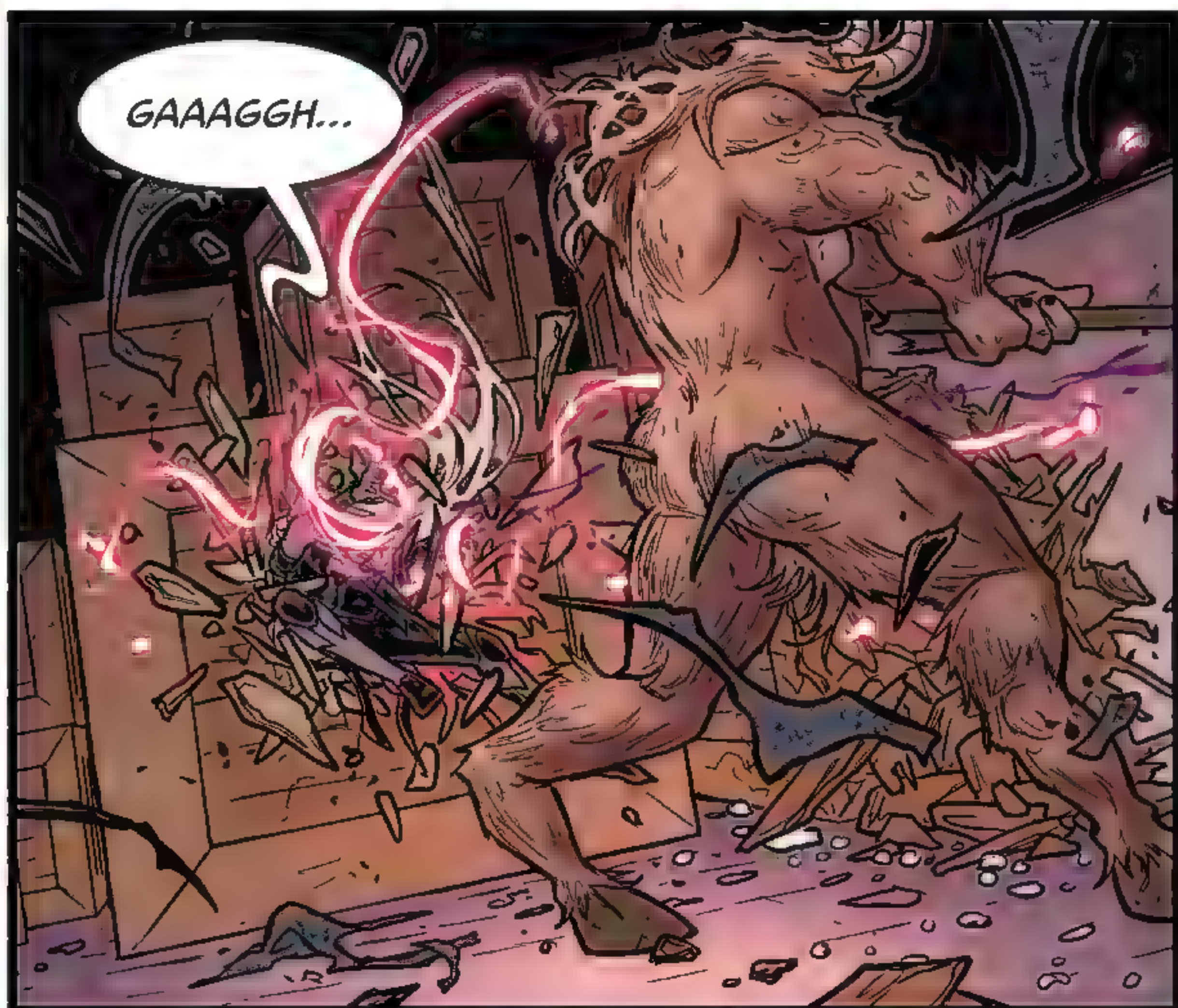
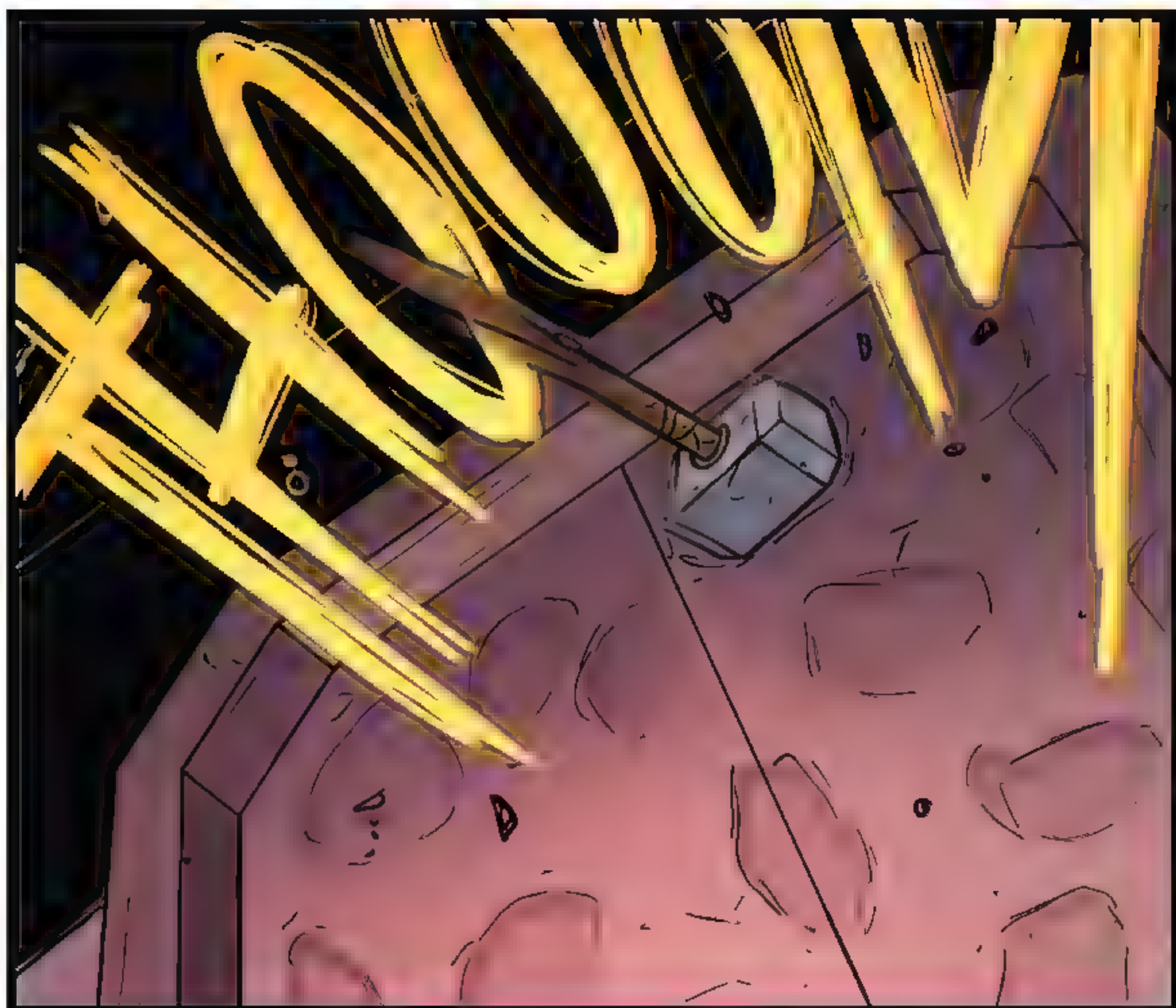


...JUST HOW  
MUCH **STRENGTH**  
THAT HAMMER  
GAVE ME.

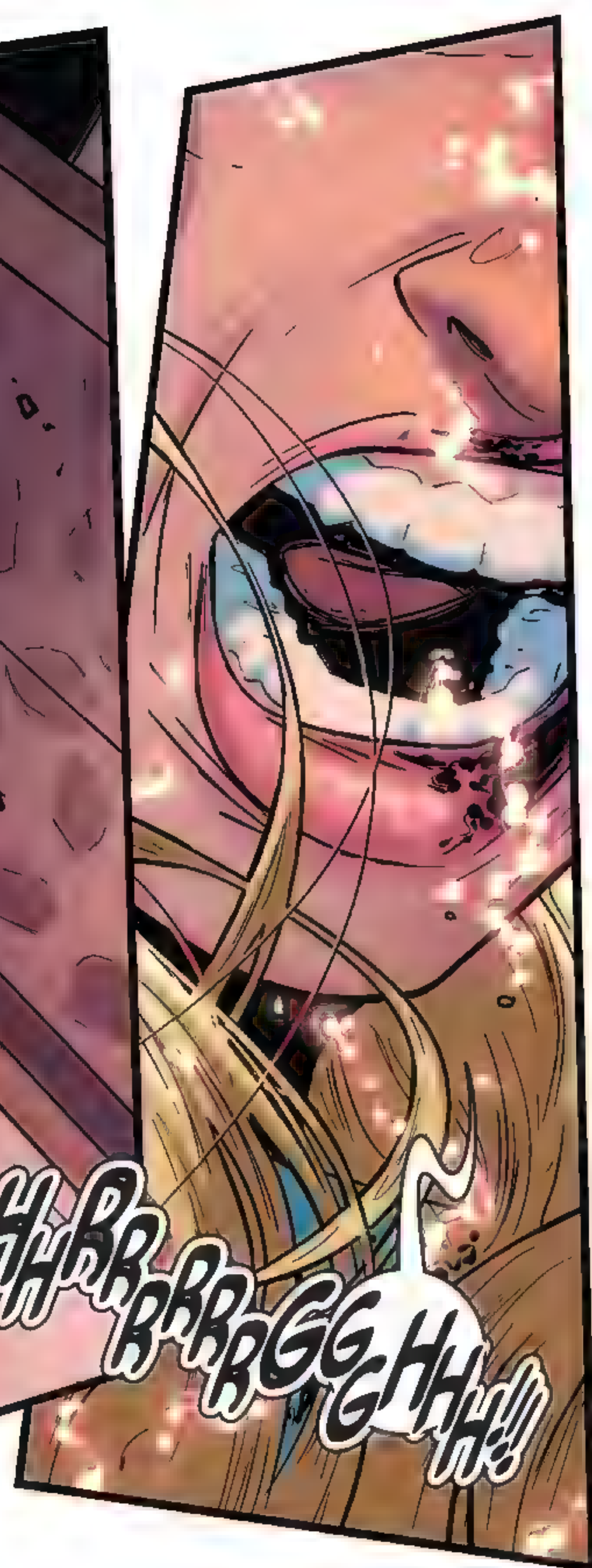
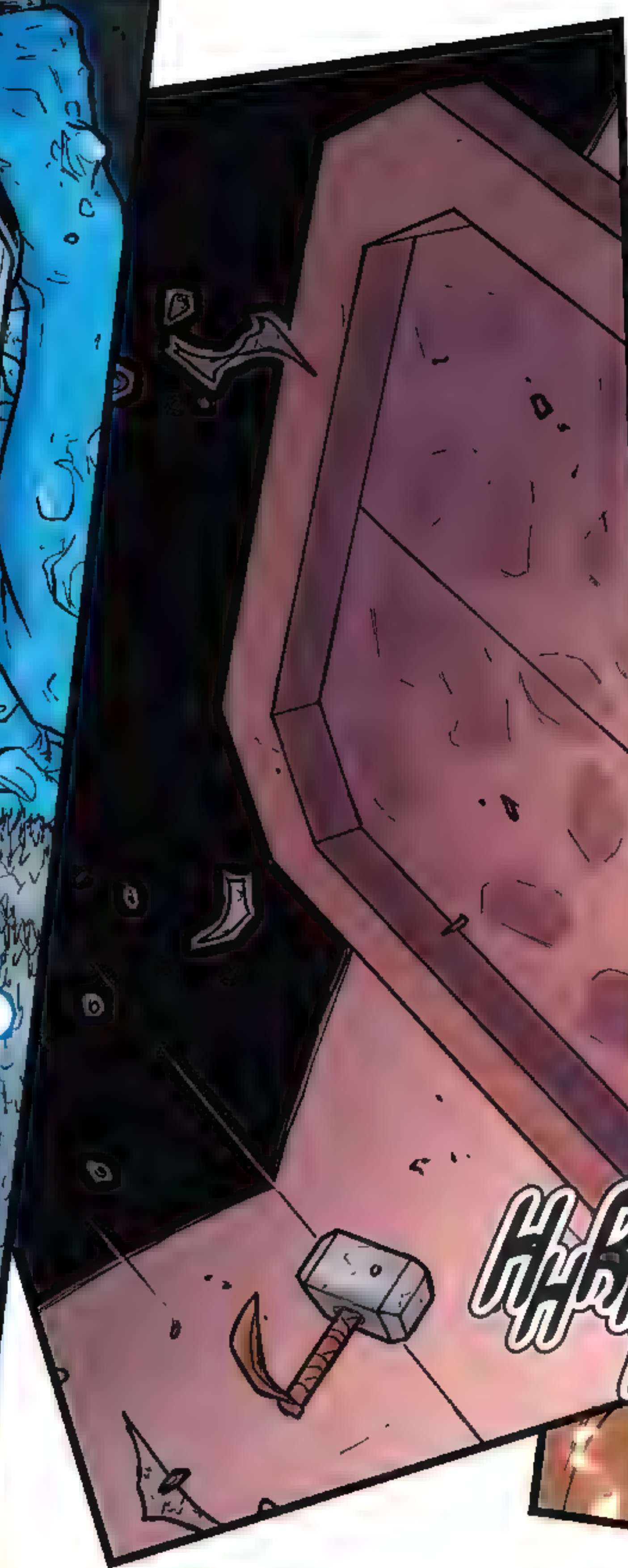
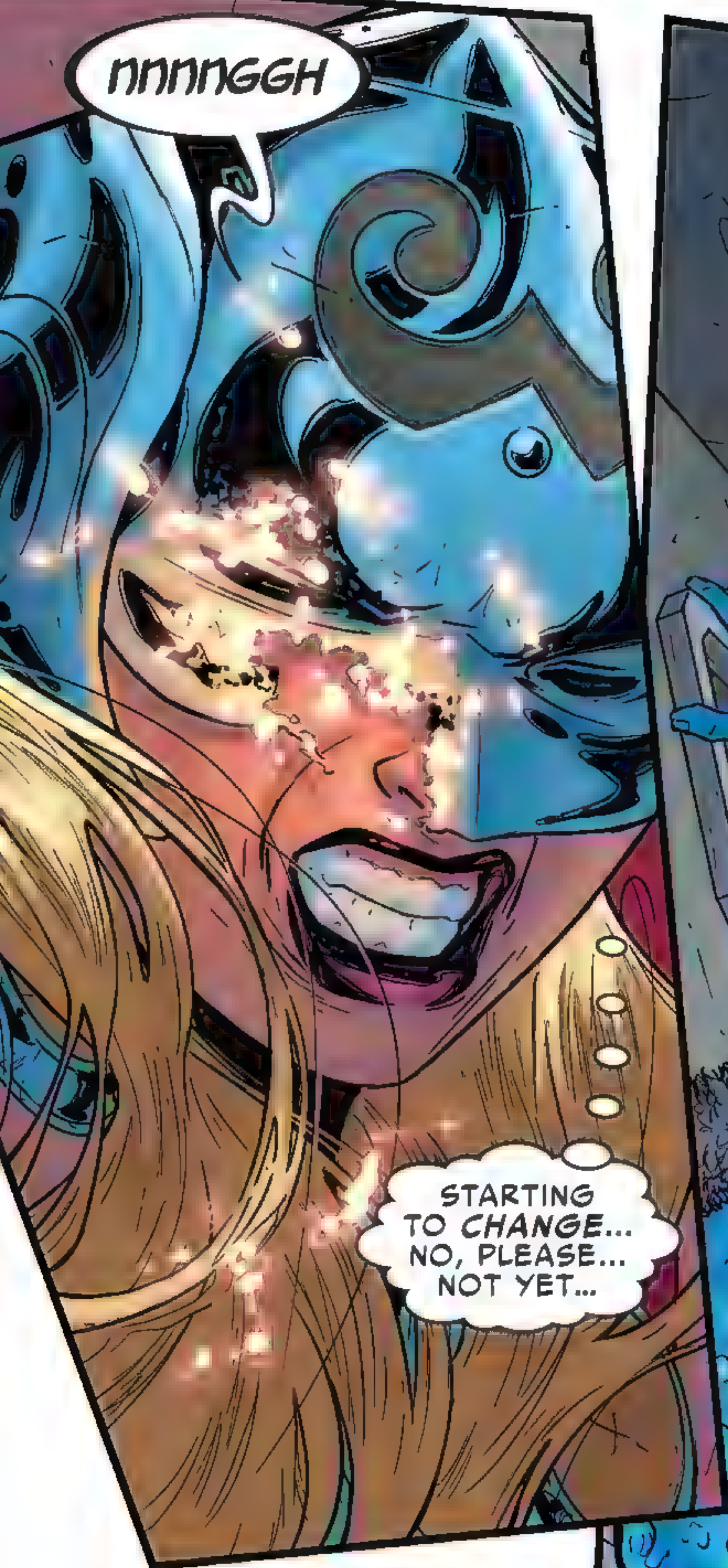
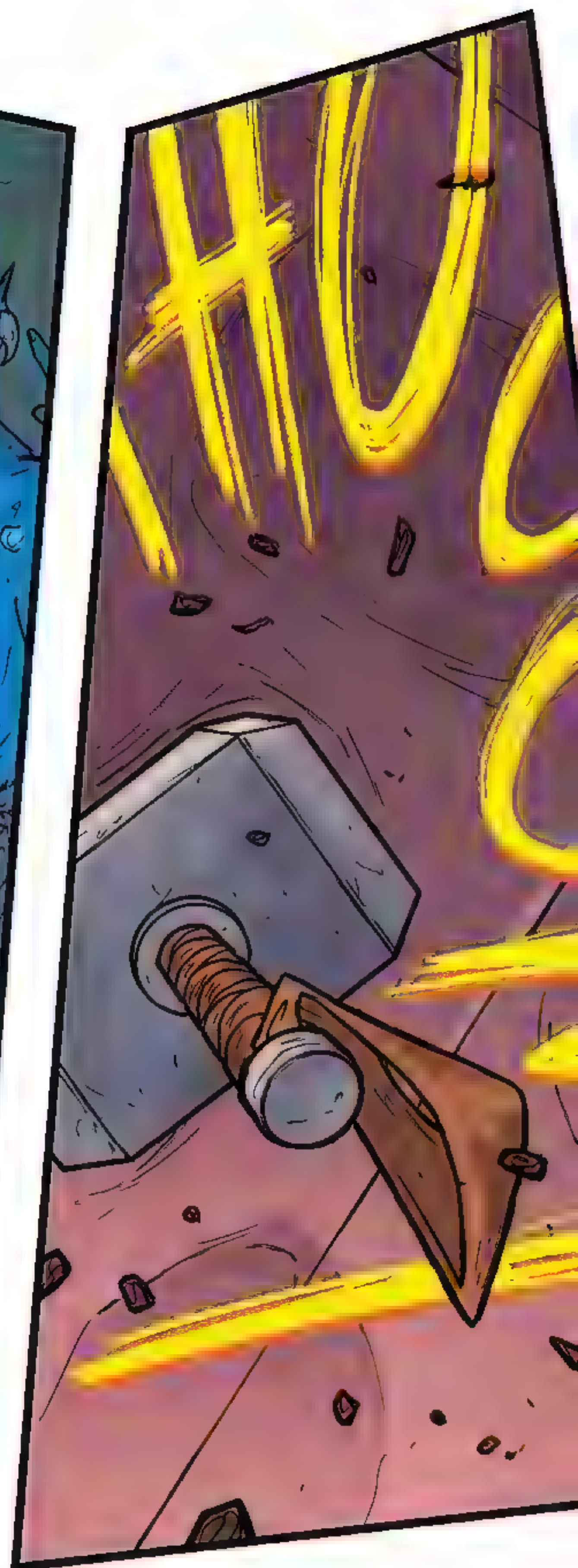
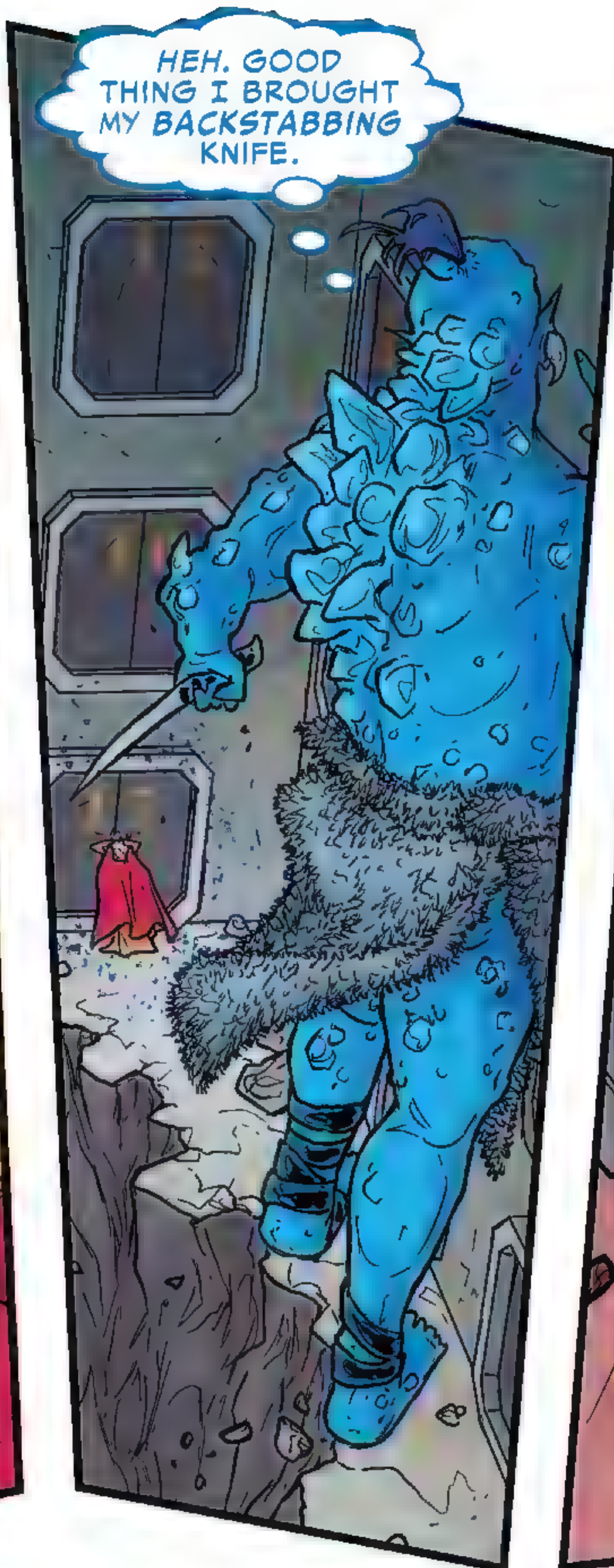
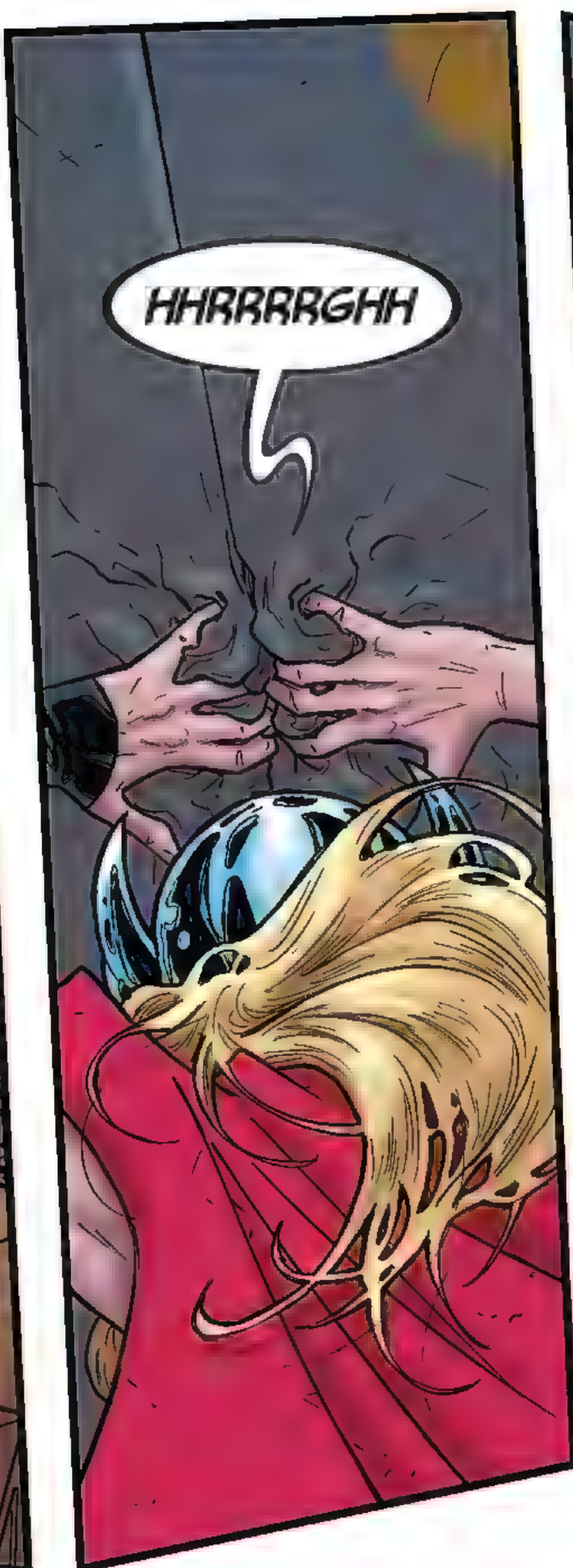


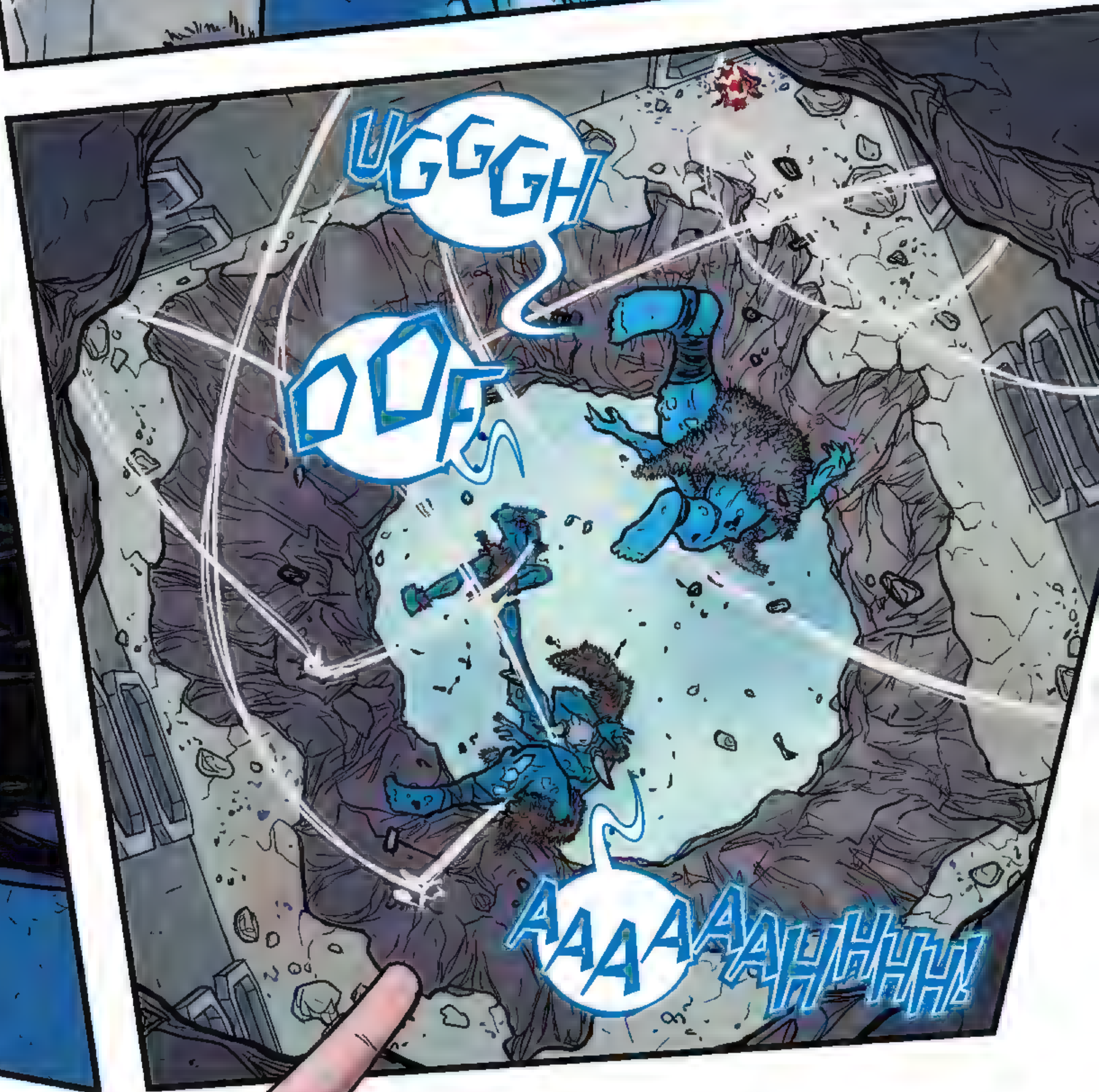
SKRYMIR IS  
DEAD. THE ELF  
HAS DISAPPEARED.  
AND KING LAUFHEY  
IS STILL NAUGHT  
BUT A SKULL.

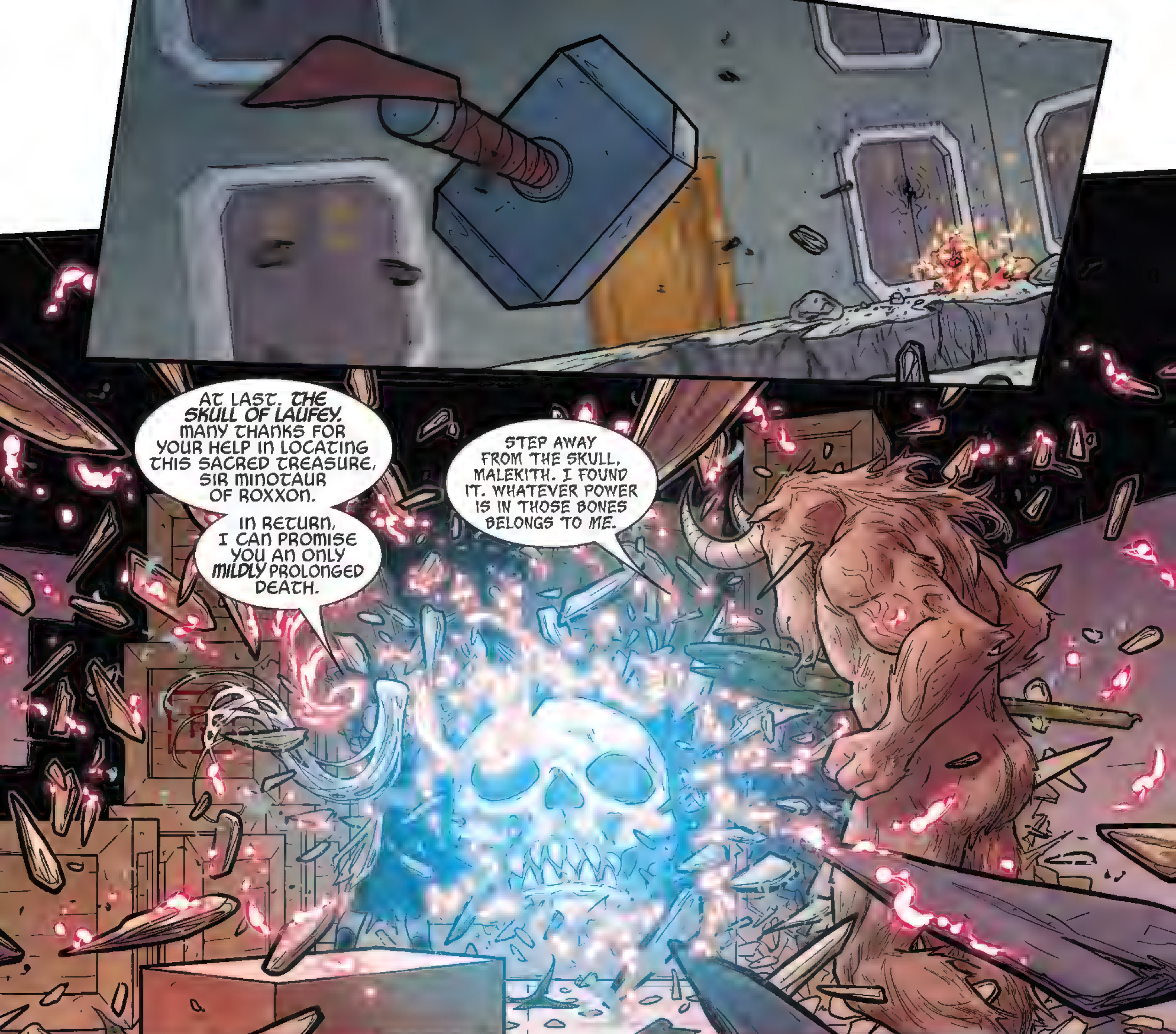
IT FALLS TO  
**SPEARLIP**, SON OF  
SNOWBONES, TO KILL  
THIS WENCH AND  
RESTORE THE GLORY  
OF JOTUNHEIM.



GAAAGGH...







AT LAST, THE  
SKULL OF LAUFY.  
MANY THANKS FOR  
YOUR HELP IN LOCATING  
THIS SACRED TREASURE,  
SIR MINOTAUR  
OF ROXXON.

IN RETURN,  
I CAN PROMISE  
YOU AN ONLY  
MILDLY PROLONGED  
DEATH.

STEP AWAY  
FROM THE SKULL,  
MALEKITH. I FOUND  
IT. WHATEVER POWER  
IS IN THOSE BONES  
BELONGS TO ME.

THERE IS AN ARMY OF FROST  
GIANTS RIGHT OUTSIDE WHO  
MIGHT OBJECT TO  
THAT IDEA.

AND THERE ARE  
SQUADRONS OF FIGHTER  
PLANES ON THEIR WAY  
HERE RIGHT NOW TO BLAST  
YOUR ARMY INTO BLOODY  
SNOW CONES. STAND  
ASIDE OR--

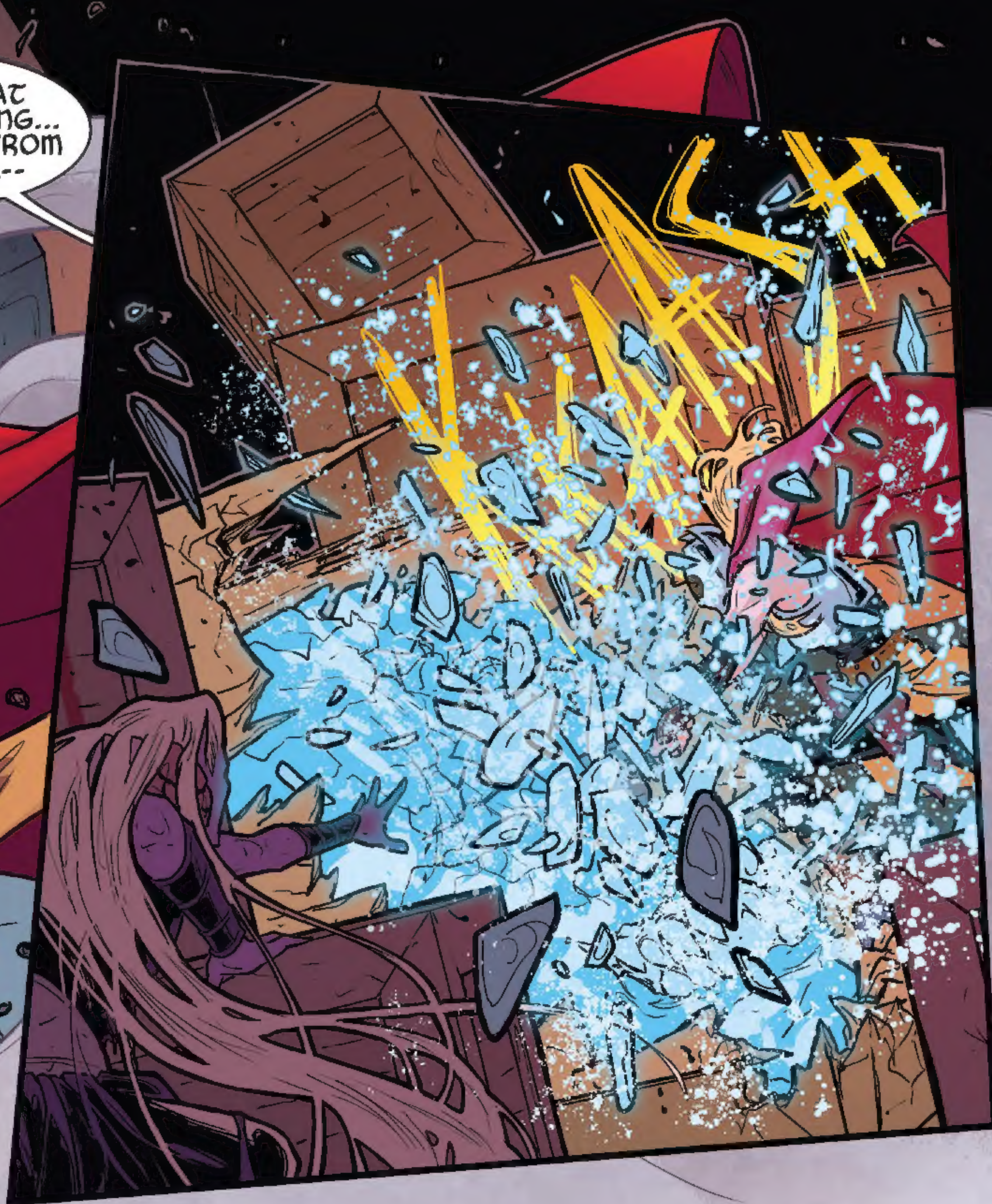




ALL THIS FIGHTING? ALL THIS DEATH? AND ALL FOR WHAT?

**BONES.** BONES AND PRIDE, THAT IS ALL I SEE. AND I BELIEVE I HAVE SEEN QUITE ENOUGH OF BOTH.

WAIT...WHAT ARE YOU DOING... STAY AWAY FROM THE SKULL--



IF ONLY I COULD SMASH YOUR PRIDE AS EASILY. SHALL WE TRY?

YOU...HAVE JUST DOOMED THIS REALM, YOU FOOLISH FEMALE! IF YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS WAR BEFORE, YOU WERE WRONG.



WAR IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW, ONCE THE FROST GIANTS LEARN WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

THEY WILL RAGE AND RAZE UNTIL THE SUN GROWS COLD. THEY WILL SEND MIDGARD BACK TO THE ICE AGE.

TELL ME, "GODDESS OF THUNDER"...IS THAT A WAR YOU'RE PREPARED TO FIGHT?



AYE, SHE'S A WAR BEFORE HER, BUT NOT AGAINST THE LIKES OF YOU, ELF.



UNHAND  
MY HAMMER,  
WOMAN.

OR KNOW  
THE WRATH  
OF THOR.

NEXT ISSUE:  
**THOR**  
VERSUS  
**THOR**



# AND LO, THERE CAME THE... HAMMER GRAMS

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WELCOME BACK, THOR FANS. HERE'S HOPING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON HAS BEEN FREE OF FROST GIANTS AND MOTHER STORMS. AS I WRITE THIS, OUR SECOND ISSUE, WHICH FEATURES THE FIRST FULL LOOK AT OUR NEW THUNDER GODDESS, HASN'T YET HIT STANDS. BUT LUCKILY, WE GOT SUCH A GIANT-SIZED PILE OF LETTERS FOR THOR #1 THAT WE'RE STILL SORTING THROUGH THEM ALL. SO LET'S GET TO IT.

MR. AARON,

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU MADE AN INCREDIBLE, REVOLUTIONARY CHOICE IN CHANGING THE WIELDER OF MJÖLNIR. I AM A STAY-AT-HOME MOTHER WITH A 3.5 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. MY DAUGHTER IS SURROUNDED BY IMAGES OF WHAT WOMEN SHOULD BE. CERTAINLY, THERE ARE MANY STRONG-MINDED FEMALE ROLE MODELS FOR HER, BUT FEW ARE EQUALS TO MALE COUNTERPARTS. I'VE BEEN READING MARVEL COMICS TO MY DAUGHTER SINCE SHE WAS AN INFANT, RUNNING CONCURRENT TO THIS WORLD OF GRACEFUL, FRAGILE PRINCESS TYPES. SHE LOVES HER PRINCESSES, BUT SHE ALSO LOVES HER SUPERHEROES. IT IS NORMAL FOR HER TO WANT TO WEAR HULK HANDS WITH A GOWN. STILL, IT IS A MATTER OF EITHER/OR. NOT "THE SAME AS".

USUALLY, WE'RE ALL ABOUT ANYTHING X-MEN AND CAROL DANVERS. I PICKED UP THOR #1 ON A WHIM YESTERDAY. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS SOME DISSENT IN THE RANKS. MY OWN HUSBAND, WHO DOES NOT READ COMICS (AND FRANKLY, THINKS MY READING THEM AT 32 YEARS OF AGE IS SILLY, ANYWAY), HATED THE IDEA. TO ALL, I ASK YOU: GIVE US THIS ONE. LET THOR'S SEX AND GENDER BE OF NO CONSEQUENCE. LET HER BE AS STRONG, AS BRAVE, AS CHARISMATIC AS THE PREVIOUS THOR. LET HER BE ACCEPTED FOR WHO SHE IS... NOT DISMISSED FOR WHO SHE IS NOT.

IN ALL SINCERITY, THANK YOU.  
CHEERS,  
C. DAVIS

**THANK YOU, C. DAVIS. AND TELL YOUR DAUGHTER TO KEEP WEARING THOSE HULK HANDS HOWEVER SHE LIKES.**

GREETINGS MR. AARON - OR SHOULD SAY, GREAT LORD SCRIBE OF ASGARDIA!

JUST GOT DONE READING THOR #1 (YEAH, YEAH, IT CAME OUT THREE WEEKS AGO, I AM A BIT BEHIND. LOKI'S BEEN MESSING AROUND WITH MY READING ORDER). AND SIR, YOU CONTINUE TO DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB AT CONTINUING THE STORY. I AM EAGERLY AWAITING THE NEXT ISSUE. LOVED THE OPENING PAGES WITH THE ATTACK OF THE FROST GIANTS ON ROXXON - I'LL RAISE MIGHTY FLAGONS OF MEAD TO RUSSELL AND MATTHEW (CAN I CALL THEM RUSS AND MATT?) FOR THEIR GREAT ART. GOOD TO SEE ODIN BACK TO HIS STUBBORN BULL-HEADEDNESS. AND I APPRECIATE HOW FREYJA IS SHOWING CARE AND COMPASSION FOR HER SON.

I ALSO REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT FURY WHISPERED TO THOR. I ASSUME YOU WILL REVEAL THAT LATER...PLEASE? AND YES, THE FEMALE THOR DOES INDEED LOOK LIKE A BADASS; CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER IN HER FULL BATTLE GLORY AND WHAT KIND OF PERSONALITY SHE SHOWS.

CONTINUE DOING YOUR GREAT WORKS LORD SCRIBE AND...THANK YOU. I HAVEN'T ENJOYED THOR THIS MUCH SINCE THE DAYS OF WALT SIMONSON. \*RAISES A HEARTY FLAGON OF MEAD TO YOU\* THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,  
STEVE FELL,  
DALLAS, TX

YES, STEVE, AT SOME POINT I EXPECT WE WILL FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT FURY WHISPERED TO THOR. ALL I'LL SAY FOR NOW THOUGH IS THAT I KNOW WHAT WAS SAID. I'VE GOT IT WRITTEN DOWN RIGHT HERE IN MY LITTLE THOR NOTEBOOK. AND I KNOW WHY IT HAD THE EFFECT THAT IT DID ON THE ODINSON. AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, IT WILL ALL MAKE SENSE. ALSO, YEAH, I AGREE THAT IT'S GREAT TO

HAVE ODIN BACK. GETTING TO WRITE THE ALL-FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALL HIS BULL-HEADED GLORY HAS ACTUALLY BEEN ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT THE NEW SERIES. AND MAN, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT ODIN GETS UP TO A COUPLE ISSUES FROM NOW.

HEY MR. AARON AND CREATIVE TEAM.

I'M NOT A REGULAR THOR READER. SADLY, HE WAS ONE OF THE CHARACTERS THAT GOT CUT FROM MY COMIC PULLS WHEN I LOST MY POSITION AT WORK AND HAD A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN INCOME. BUT I HAD SEEN THE ARTICLES ONLINE AND ON FACEBOOK AND SUCH ABOUT AN ALL-NEW, ALL-FEMALE THOR AND IT CAUGHT MY EYE.

I'M A COMPLETE SUCKER FOR NEW NUMBER ONE RELAUNCHES WITH AMAZING CREATIVE TEAMS AND BIG IDEAS. WHEN I SEE A NUMBER ONE ISSUE I BUY IT, JUST TO SEE GREAT NEW IDEAS ON THE SHELVES. AND SADLY, I'M NORMALLY LET DOWN. JUST POINTLESS GIMMICKS. BUT NOT THIS. YOUR TITLE DID NOT LET ME DOWN. FROM START TO FINISH, IT WAS AMAZING. I DIDN'T READ ORIGINAL SIN OR ANY TIE-INS, BUT I STILL FELT IN THE LOOP FROM THE INFO YOU GAVE. I HAD TO SEND SOME LOVE. KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK, THOR HAS NOW RETURNED TO MY MUST BUY LIST. THANKS FOR PUTTING OUT STUNNING WORK, NOT JUST ANOTHER RELAUNCH. AND PLEASE GIVE MAD LOVE TO DAUTERMAN AND WILSON, THE DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD OF THE FROST GIANTS WAS STUNNING.

WALLY CZYZNIAK

**YEAH, WALLY, I'M WITH YOU ON THE MAD LOVE FOR RUSSELL AND MATT. THOSE GUYS ARE KILLING IT. JUST CHECK OUT THAT MAP OF JOTUNHEIM THAT OPENS THIS ISSUE. OR ANY PAGE THAT FEATURES A FROST GIANT ALL COVERED WITH ICE BARNACLES. SO, SO GOOD. THEY BOTH GET EXTRA HELPINGS OF MEAD THIS MONTH.**

DEAR MARVEL/WHOEVER IS READING THIS THAT REPRESENTS OR WORKS AT MARVEL,

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES FOR THE NEW THOR COMIC WRITTEN BY JASON AARON WITH ART BY RUSSELL DAUTERMAN AND COLORING BY MATTHEW WILSON. I KNOW YOU ARE GETTING A LOT OF HATE FOR HAVING A FEMALE THOR BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO ME. I HAVE ONLY BEEN READING MARVEL COMICS FOR THE LAST YEAR OR SO, BUT I HAVE LOVED THEM. EVERYTHING MARVEL RELATED MAKES ME HAPPY WHETHER IT'S COMIC BOOKS, MERCHANDISE, OR MOVIES, YET I ALWAYS FELT A BIT OF RESENTMENT AT THE FACT THAT MARVEL'S WOMEN ARE EITHER, NOT REPRESENTED, OR ARE REPRESENTED IN AN OBJECTIFYING AND DEMEANING WAY. YOU ARE FINALLY TRYING TO CHANGE THAT AND IT MAKES ME SO PROUD TO BE A FAN OF YOUR COMICS.

YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN TERMS OF REPRESENTING WOMEN IN YOUR STORIES BUT THE FACT THAT YOU ARE TRYING HAS BROUGHT TEARS OF JOY TO MY EYES (LITERALLY, I AM CRYING AS I WRITE THIS). I FINALLY FEEL LIKE I AM REPRESENTED AND JUST AS MUCH A PART OF THE MARVEL FAN BASE AS EVERYONE ELSE. THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME. I CAN FINALLY COSPLAY WITHOUT HAVING TO DO A GENDER BEND. I CAN FINALLY HAVE A CHARACTER TO LOOK UP TO THAT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS ME. I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU LOOK PAST THE HATERS AND REALIZE HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO SO MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING ME. PLEASE KEEP THIS GOING FOR A LONG TIME AND CONTINUE TO PROGRESS AND MOVE FORWARD IN TERMS OF DIVERSIFYING MARVEL CHARACTERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME FANS MAY NOT BE READY FOR THESE CHANGES, BUT BY DIVERSIFYING YOUR CHARACTERS YOU WILL REACH NEW FANS IN A WAY YOU NEVER COULD HAVE BEFORE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SINCERELY,  
JACKIE BALTER

THANKS, JACKIE. AND SPEAKING OF COSPLAY, HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FROM OUR FRIEND SARAH JEAN MAEFS, WHOSE MOVING LETTER WE PRINTED BACK IN THOR #1. SARAH COSPLAYED AS THE NEW THOR AT THE RECENT NEW YORK COMIC CON, AND HERE'S SOME PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF COURTESY OF PHOTOGRAPHER ALEX ERDE:



THUNDER ON, SARAH. THUNDER ON. ALSO, NICE TATTOO.

THAT'S ALL WE GOT TIME FOR THIS MONTH, FOLKS. BUT COME BACK NEXT ISSUE FOR A LITTLE STORY WE JUST HAD TO CALL... THOR VS. THOR.

"AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A MUFFIN. WE GOT A LOTTA BUTTER TO GO."

JASON AARON  
KC, NOVEMBER 2014



KICK SOME ASGARD!



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